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Carnival on Friday n Attractive Bill.

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the Epworth League of ill be in charge of the lit- of the league tomorrow olmes Evening" has been program will consist of his author. The Wesley given and the remainder will consist of the follow- m the works of Holmes: Farringe," "One Hoss abitha," "The Boys."

CIRCUIT COURT

Case of Garver vs. Crea on Trial To-Day.

GARVER SUES FOR $1000

Claimed to be Due Him--Case of C. M. Caldwell vs Dr. Reid Will be Taken Up Next--Other Court Matters.

The case of David Garver vs. Hugh Crea was on trial today in the circuit court. The case is one wherein Mr. Garver has sued Mr. Crea for $1000, claimed to be due from Mr. Crea as money paid to him for Mr. Garver in the partition case of the David Garver estate. Mr. Crea has claimed a set off of $1700 for fees owed him by Mr. Garver. The jury hearing the case is composed of the following: Henry Kater, E. E. Sturer, Andrew Barnett, R. H. Johnson, J. B. Culbertson, N. M. Madix, Charles Kramer, Frank Williams, Adam Musser, G. W. Martin, George Smith and Daniel Rostick.

The next case to be taken up will be that of C. M. Caldwell against Dr. J. F. Reid. Mr. Caldwell sues for $1000, alleged to be due him for a half interest in the horse, Forrest Herr, which it is claimed the the two men owned together and which Dr. Reid sold. The case promises to bring out a hard legal fight. Mills Bros. represent Mr. Caldwell and Johns and Housum will appear for the defendant.

The entries on the court dockets today were as follows:

COMMON LAW.

David M. Garver vs. Hugh Crea; assumpsit. Leave to defendant to withdraw plea of general issue.

CHANCERY.

Louise Davis et al vs. Louise P. Smith et al; chancery. Leave to amend bill.

H. Mueller et al vs. Alma M. Kinney et al; bill to quiet title. Decree pro confesso; cause and decree as prayed of H. Mueller.

FIRE AT MT. ZION.

Hotel Building Was in Danger of Being Destroyed--Loss About $200.

A disastrous fire was narrowly averted last night between 11 and 12 o'clock at Mt. Zion.

The big old hotel building which is the property of Patrick Sullivan was discovered to be on fire in the rear and was only saved by very prompt and energetic efforts. The building is in the centre of the business part of town and almost adjoins other buildings. The fire originated from some unknown cause in an outbuilding close to the rear of the main building. The main building was on fire but it was extinguished before any great damage was done. The outbuilding was completely destroyed. Loss about $200; no insurance. The hotel is occupied as a dwelling and A. Pierce also has a store in it.

South Before the War.

At the Powers Grand on Tuesday, April 13, will appear Whallen and Martell's successful production, "South Before the War," a novelty and one that has won fame and many dollars for its originators. It is so different from anything of the kind ever attempted that its success is not to be wondered at after it has been seen. It is composed of some 50 people, including a pickaninny band of 17 little boys, four quartets, a score of buck and wing dancers, a corterie of cake walkers a grand chorus of 50 voices, and a pickaninny band who appear in the play and lead the parade of the company.

At the Hall Home.

Mrs. Rev. Geo. F. Hall is entertaining her friends and co-workers of the Seventh ward this afternoon at the residence, 246 West Eldorado, it being the expiration of her year as president of the Cheerful Workers in that part of the city. A tempting luncheon is being served and the occasion will long be remembered as a happy one.

Will Dance.

The Sons of Veterans will give a dance in the G. A. R. hall on the evening of April 15.

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THE CABINET AND THE PRESIDENT

Held a Meeting To-Day, and Determination Shown Indicates That War is Close at Hand.

CONFERENCES ARE AT AN END

Safety of Americans on Cuban Soil and at Other Points--The Only Cause for the Present Delay--The War Message Goes to Congress Monday Without Fail.

Washington, April 8.—The cabinet meeting occupied an hour and a half. President McKinley's demeanor was grave throughout, indicating no expectation on the part of the administration that war can be averted. There was no fresh developments in the situation brought up, nor any dispatches or communications of any kind laid before the cabinet. The joint note of the powers was considered, but that will have practically no effect on the situation.

SITUATION IS GRAVE.

The situation today is regarded as even more grave than any time heretofore. Preparations for all eventualities are proceeding steadily. A significant feature in this direction is the fact that the United States consul at Porto Rico is about to leave his post, indicating that hostilities, when they break out, will be directed not only at Cuba, but at other Spanish possessions in the West Indian section, and directing attention to the question whether the future of Porto Rico, to a large extent, at least, will follow that of Cuba. The probable rendevous of the Spanish squadron at Porto Rico may have had something to do with the recall of the consul there. Whether when General Lee leaves Havana he will leave the vice consul or some other subordinate in charge is unknown. His retirement with all of the official staff would mean the severance of all official communication between the United States and the island. Inquiry at the foreign embassies today made the fact plain that the powers of Europe will not follow up the presentation of the plea for peace presented yesterday, by making any further representations and that Spain will be left to fight it out alone.

Lee and Woodford.

It is plainly evident that Consul General Lee, it was reiterated, would surely leave Havana on Saturday, as instructed. Just when Minister Woodford is expected to vacate his position is not ascertainable, if, indeed, it has been decided. As Assistant Secretary Day announced this afternoon that all Americans in Cuba who desire to leave will positively be out of the island by tommorrw. It is expected that Clara Barton and her assistants of the Red Cross society will leave at the same time as General Lee.

No Confirmation.

Neither the Spanish legation nor the navy department have received any advices as to the sailing of the Spanish fleet from Cadiz.

LORIMER IN THE LEAD

Republicans of the House Ready for Independence and Intervention.

Washington, April 8.—The steering committee of the Republican house conference appointed Wednesday to canvass the situation and ascertain how many Republicans will, if the president's message does not go to congress Monday, join with the Democrats to secure action upon the resolution declaring for Cuban independence and armed intervention, will meet this afternoon. Representative Lorimer of Illinois, one of the active spirits in the movement, says that over 100 house Republicans have already agreed to act with them. He is confident, however, that they will not be obliged to join with the Democrats to overrule the speaker in order to secure action.

LEE AND THE MAINE.

Sensational Disclosures to be Made by the Consul General.

Washington, April 8.—Representative Lorimer of Illinois is authority for the statement that Consul General Lee will make startling disclosures before the senate committee on foreign relations when he arrives here, regarding the conspiracy to blow up the Maine. "I understand General Lee is to supply the missing link in the testimony," said he.

It is said that General Lee is expected to testify that the electric lights at Havana went out at the moment the Maine was blown up, indicating that the mine was exploded by electrical connection from the shore.

A CALM AT MADRID.

Spaniards Evidently Waiting for the Engagement to Begin.

Madrid, April 8.—A much calmer feeling prevails today, reflecting the newspaper utterances and the various published versions of the cabinet meeting of last evening.

Good Friday at Havana.

Havana, April 8.—Everything quiet.

AMERICANS SLOW TO LEAVE.

Why Some People at Havana Delay in Seeking Safety.

New York, April 8.—The New York Commercial Advertiser's Havana special says the expected exodus of Americans has not yet occurred, except on a small scale. General Lee and the newspaper men expect to go to Key West on Saturday, but the program is subject to change. The leisurely way in which the Americans are leaving the island is due to the postponement of the presentation of the president's message, and the report that the Spanish queen has taken matters into her own hands. The people who had arranged to leave decided to wait, relying on a peaceable settlement. If they are mistaken there may be no boats to take them in case of sudden excitement next week. The United States has given them every opportunity to go, but does not propose to urge them to get out.

THE CUBAN REPUBLIC.

Senate and House Committees Hear Further Evidence.

Washington, April 8.—The foreign affairs committee of the house met this morning and continued hearing Senor Quesada, the representative of the Cuban

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"War will come," said General Grosvenor, "unless one or the other countries backs down, and the United States will not be the one that backs down."

"Thank you for your kindly wishes. We, too hope for peace. But the United States proposes to perform a duty to humanity by ending a situation the prolongation of which has become insufferable." --President McKinley.

"No Spanish Ministry can grant independence to Cuba and live. You ask me if Spain will give independence to the island, and I answer that she may have to do so after a war, but she will never do it till then. No, it would not be possible for Silvela, leader of the Conservative party, to form a new Cabinet on the basis of Cuban independence. The present Liberal ministry has a large majority in the approaching session of the Cortes, and I can only say that my colleagues and myself are absolutely unanimous on the Cuban question."--Moret, member Spanish Cabinet.

PROTECTION FOR AMERICANS

Opportunity is Given to Get Away From Every Port in Cuba.

Washington, April 8.—The arrangements for the protection of American citizens from violence include both the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico. While the majority of our people in Cuba are at Havana, there is also a comparatively large number congregated at Matanzas, Sagua La Grande and other Cuban ports. The arrangements for the care of the people at these latter ports have been nearly as complete as those made for the relief of the Americans at Havana.

An official of the state department states that the arrangements for the home coming of all Americans in Cuba were now as ample and complete as could be made in the limited time permissible under existing conditions. Consul General Lee has been clothed with ample authority to take any steps he may deem necessary for the safety of these people.

This general discretion includes the power to charter steamers and such other vessels as may be available in making the trip to Florida. The naval vessels Fern, Mangrove and Bache are in the harbor of Havana and will be utilized in the transportation of resident Americans to Key West. In case of necessity they will make two or more trips between the ports mentioned.

Arrangements have been made with the steamship line connection with Kingston, Jamaica, to have their vessels touch at the various Cuban ports other than Havana. There is no recent information at the state department showing the exact number of Americans now in Cuba, but latest estimates roughly fix it at between 2000 and 5000.

There is no doubt in the minds of officials who have had charge of this matter that all the American citizens in Cuba who may desire to take advantage of the opportunity provided by the government will be out of Cuba and safely on their way to the United States before Monday.

Clara Barton to Leave Cuba.

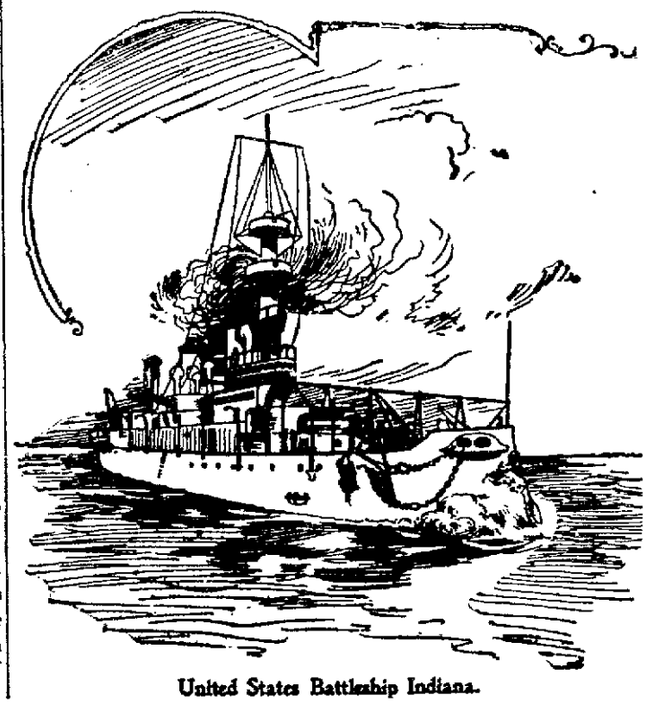
New York, April 8.—Stephen Barton, chairman of the central Cuban relief committee, said that he had received a cablegram from Miss Clara Barton, president of the National Red Cross society, who is at present in Cuba, saying that she had been advised by Consul General Lee to leave the island at once, as it would be unwise for her or any other American to stay later than Friday. Miss Barton said nothing of the condition of affairs in Cuba.

"DICK" THOMPSON.

The Old War Horse of the Navy is Outspoken for Speedy Action.

Terre Haute, Ind., April 8.—Former Secretary of the Navy Richard W. Thompson says he now believes that the United States should "demand the withdrawal of the Spanish troops from the island of Cuba and give the insurgents a chance to govern themselves. This will mean one of two things, either war or the ignominious retreat of the Spanish people. Spain would likely declare war. That would be well, and we would be allowed in the most dignified way to thrash the most bloodthirsty and treacherous nation that ever existed. I can not say that I am strictly in line on the plan of armed intervention. There is not the right spirit in the show of brute force. I would not have this country act the dog in the manger. Once I was in favor of recognizing the independence of the Cuban government, but I have rejected that plan. It would be the recognition of something intangible, something not in existence. There is no government with the Cubans. They have a martial camp, but they are not governing themselves in a civilized sense as yet.

"I do not believe there would be any protest against the fight between the United States and Spain from the European powers. England has said she will stand aloof and there is very good reason why the thrones on the continent will not engage in the imbroglio. The German kaiser, the Russian czar, and the Austrian and Italian emperors are afraid of their subjects. On this account they will not arm them. They have their standing armies, which are kept under the thumb, but war would mean the arming of the common people, who might take occasion to upset the government and convert it into one more suited to their democratic tastes."



United States Battleship Indiana.

THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN.

It is Accepted by Senators and Congressmen--The Outlook.

Washington, April 8.—There is now little doubt that congress will support the president's program without immediate recognition of independence. Even the most optimistic and conservative men like Senators Hanna, Aldrich, Elkins and Hale, admitted that war was probable.

Mr. Hanna conversed with senators as to the program to be followed after the message is sent to congress, as it will be next Monday. Some hope is still entertained that an elaborate discussion can be provoked so as not still further delay action, but it is not probable that this plan will succeed. There will be, of course, quite a number of speeches, but, in the main, they will be brief.

The only point of discussion will be the question of the recognition of independence at this time. A few days ago the feeling in the senate and the house was almost overwhelmingly in favor of immediate recognition. A marked change is noticeable. It is due to the belief that the president will give ample grounds for opposing recognition, and that he will give assurance of his readiness to recognize the independence of the Cuban republic when the proper moment arrives.

CLEARS THE SITUATION.

The situation has also been greatly cleared by the announcement that the United States does not propose to despoil the Cubans of their territory, but will, in fact, assist them in the establishment of a stable form of republican government as soon as the Spanish flag has been hauled down from the island.

Many senators who favored immediate recognition, among them Senator Gray, now believe that such action is inadvisable at this time. They hold that the recognition of independence is a purely executive function, and this view was also held in emphatic terms some two years ago by Senator Morgan in a speech which he delivered when belligerency resolutions were under discussion.

It is doubtful whether there will be a dozen senators in favor of recognition of independence when the vote is taken. Senator Elkins puts the matter in epigrammatic shape:

"We cannot give away," he says, "what we have not got; we must not give it away until we have got it."

OPINION OF SENATOR ELKINS.

Mr. Elkins believes, as these words indicate, that when Cuba has fallen into the possession of the United States it will be time enough to hand it over to the Cubans and assist them in establishing a government. He does not want to go to war, he says, simply to help the insurgents oust Spain from the island.

Senator Elkins, by the way, was an optimist regarding the situation until today. He had believed that there would be favorable news from Spain, but the action of the Spanish cabinet went far toward convincing him that the end had been reached.

"I can understand," said he, "that the Spanish nation would rather unite against a foreign foe than be divided against itself."

Other senators, like Mr. Cullom of Illinois, who have held conservative views, were also of the opinion that a conflict could not now be averted. There was, of course, a possibility at the last moment that Spain would yield, but the chances of this outcome are thought to be very slight.

THE MESSAGE.

Congress now awaits the message. Upon its receipt it will be referred to the appropriate committees without debate and in the senate will probably be considered in executive session. This will be for the purpose of not allowing the world to know officially of any differences of opinion which may be entertained by individual senators. After the question has been thoroughly discussed the vote may be taken in open session without debate, but even this is not yet definitely decided upon. Every effort will be made to harmonize all difference, so as to present a solid front when the moment of action comes.

THE MAINE AFFAIR.

A secret session is also desired in order that the Maine incident may be considered in all its details. The destruction of the Maine is still, in the opinion of many senators, a cause of war, even if the Cuban question should be settled. This is the belief of Senator Morgan, who has given close attention to the evidence taken by the senate committee on foreign relations, while Senator Carter of Montana, the former chairman of the Republican national committee, says that the Maine affair is an extremely ugly question which Spain will have to meet.

UNITED.

The house will not stand out against the senate. What meets the approval of the senate will receive the assent of the house, even if at first some opposition develops. When the time comes for stern action Spain will find congress in accord with the president; both congress and the president supported by the country.

MISS MATHER IS DEAD.

The Popular American Actress Goes to Her Final Rest.

Charleston, W. Va., April 7.—Margaret Mather, the actress, played her last death scene in the fourth act of Cymbeline in this city Wednesday night. She collapsed and was carried off the stage in an unconscious condition, and never regained consciousness. She died at 5 p. m. yesterday of convulsions, caused by acute Bright's disease. Miss Mather's parents live in Detroit.

For Margaret Mather's long maintained hold on the popular heart, one of her managers, Mr. James Jay Brady, gives sole credit to James M. Hill. "Whatever she was in the dramatic world, she owed to him," said Mr. Brady. "His policy in bringing her before the public was perhaps the most remarkable ever carried out for any star. Hill showed brilliant genius in presenting her—the most wonderful ability. I say this not out of particular regard for the man, but because it is his due.

"Margaret Mather must have been at her death about 41. Her family name is Finlayson. She was raised in Detroit. Of her family little is known in the theatrical world, but they were obscure people."

(Note.—A few weeks ago Miss Mather appeared in Decatur at the Grand in "Cymbeline." She had pervionsly been seen here in "Juliet," under the managemen of Mr. Hill. She was also a famous "Imogen." She was also well known as "Leah, the Forsaken." Miss Mather created a sensation in 1886 by going from Chicago to Buffalo, where she quietly married Emil Habercorn, the leader of the Mather orchestra. They separated after a few years and later on the actress married Pabst, the brewer's son. Then came the horse whipping scene at Milwaukee and another divorce, the actress receiving $150,000. Bert Whitney was her last manager.—Ed.)

SPRING WORK BEGUN.

Plans Arranged for a Busy Season at Warrensburg Canning Factory.

The full force of employes were put on at the farm and canning factory of C. J. Off at Warrensburg yesterday for the spring work. Mr. Off has added a number of improvements to his farm and factory this spring and will increase his force of employes as the season advances. The output of canned corn will be almost doubled this year. Last year 600 acres were planted in sweet corn for canning purposes and this year 1000 acres will be put in. A large number of acres will be planted in tomatoes as usual, but the demand for corn far exceeds that for the tomatoes, hence the plans for an increased supply of corn. New machinery has been put in the factory and the output will average from 60,000 to 70,000 cans per day. Mr. Off employes a large force of helpers each year and over $15,000 was paid out for local labor last year.

To be Presented in May.

The Decatur Musical Co. will present the "Chimes of Normandy" at the Powers Grand some time early in May, under the auspices of the W. R. C. and G. A. R. There are about forty-five in the company and the rehearsals for the opera have been going on for several months. The company expect to give a performance superior to that of "Pinafore," given by them some time ago and which was pronounced a success in every way. The exact date for the performance has not yet been decided upon.

To Teach Shorthand and Music.

Miss Mable Sulick has gone to Carthage, Mo., to take a position as a teacher of shorthand in a commercial school at that place. She will also give instructions in music.

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The Salting of the Tio Juan.

—BY—

WOLCOTT LE CLEAR BEARD.

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PART I.

Boot Leg was approximately quiet, for it was a little after noon, and most of Boot Leg was at dinner.

Old Mrs. Elkins sat at her table, but she was not eating. Tom, her nephew, noted this fact, and from time to time he would suspend his own energetic attack upon the food long enough to glance uneasily at his aunt. Her conduct was unusual, and it troubled him. It was not her lack of appetite that troubled Tom so much as her abstraction. Ordinarily she was interested in everything; now, each remark offered by Tom was half heard, and answered in monosyllables, frequently irrelevant ones, and she kept her head turned toward a window in such a manner that Tom could not see her face.

There was no apparent reason why she should wish to look out of the window. To be sure the cottage was built on the only eminence in Boot Leg, and the view, therefore, was an extended one, but it was not in the least attractive. The wrinkled, gravelly plain was as dry as dust. So were the bare, earthy mountains that bounded it on three sides. Boot Leg, sprawling on the bank of the sluggish little river that contained all the water in sight, was composed largely of adobe houses, and they, too, were bare and dry and earthy. Judging from the fact that while Boot Leg supported but two stores, yet seventeen saloons of one kind and another flourished there, one would think that the inhabitants of Boot Leg might be as dry as the mountains and the plain and the town. And so they were.

"Ther's a new tenderfoot in town," said Tom, finally, in a last desperate attempt to interest his aunt. "He's the derndest tenderfoot you ever see. He's got pants on that's short an' buttoned 'roun' his legs, an' he wears his stockin's—the stockin's has got razzle-dazzle stripes all over 'em—he wears them stockin's pulled up over his pants. The boys is all laughin' at him." As he finished speaking, Tom smiled, but the smile was forced and betrayed the anxiety that lay beneath it. To his great surprise Old Mrs. Elkins was interested at once.

"You don' mean that theah big one, do yuh?" she cried. "The one - well—that theah one with the yellah haiah." In her eagerness Old Mrs. Elkins' voice, in spite of its soft, Southwestern drawl, became almost sharp.

"Yes, he's big," replied her nephew. "Big as me—bigger, maybe. His hair's sure kinder light, too. He wouldn't be none so slow fer a man if he didn' have them fool clo'es on. Don' see what a man wants ter dress himself up like a monkey for, the way he does."

"He don't look no moah like a monkey'n you do," said Old Mrs. Elkins, indignantly. "Not so much. He hasn't got a brown hide like you. I don' see what yah wantah run down a pulson foh, jus' because he happens to be bettah lookin' than you."

Tom looked at his aunt in blank astonishment. Never before had he heard her speak in this way. He regarded it as another proof that her health was failing.

"Look here," said he, anxiously, after a moment's pause; "I'm a-gonter get that ther doctor f'om Gila Bend ter come over an' have a look at you. Ther's sunthin' slipped a cog. I seen it yes'day. I'm a-gonter wire fer that there doctor." Tom half rose from his chair as he spoke.

"Set down," said Old Mrs. Elkins, imperiously. "Now tell me. Did you see that theah tendahfoot tah speak to?"

"No, not particlar. Asked him ter have a drink an' he said he wasn't drinkin'. That's all," replied Tom, reseating himself according to the instructions of his aunt and his lifelong habit of obedience to her. "A lot er the boys was kinder givin' him the laugh," he added.

"NOW GO, TAWN. I KNOW WHAT I WANT ALL RIGHT."

"What'd he do?"

"Didn't do nothin'. Didn' say a word. Looked kinder mad, though, long 'bout the las'. You see, some er the boys was a gettin' kinder owly an' was what you might call personal. Shouldn't wonder if that ther tenderfoot didn' get hot under the collar an' go fer some one bimeby. Then ther'll be trouble fer the tenderfoot, mos' like."

"Theah'll be trouble foh the man that runs 'gains' him. I'll see tuh that myself. Have yuh got th'ough eatin?" Tom replied in the affirmative. "Then you go—wheah was that tendahfoot? Hotel? Well, then you go down tuh the hotel an' see that theah ain't no trouble. You get tuh know that theah tendahfoot an' bring him back heah as soon's you can, an' make him stay tuh suppah. Now go, Tawm. I know what I want all right, an' it ain't no doctah."

Tom departed, wondering greatly. What his aunt wanted with this tenderfoot more than with any one of the others who now and then passed through the town, he could not imagine. Still, she did want him, and therefore he must come. The idea that the young man himself might decline the invitation never crossed Tom's mind. He was not alone in his habit of obedience to Old Mrs. Elkins. The whole town shared it. She was the one woman to whom Boot Leg, masculine almost to a man, could point with pride.

Everyone called her "Ol' Mis' Elkins," and truly she looked older than many women do at seventy, though her age, she said, was but fifty-four, and Old Mrs. Elkins was not one to lie about her age or about anything else. Little, stooped and shrunken, dressed always in neat calico, her white hair s rained back from her gentle face, she did not seem at all like a heroine of the tales of famine and drought and bloodshed that had become traditions in Boot Leg.

She had been born and bred on the frontier; nearly all her life had been spent far from even the smallest settlement, in the desert country of the Southwest. Boot Leg, to her, was a centre of civilization, yet even now a small lump that always appeared on the bosom of Old Mrs. Elkins' calico gown was generally known to be caused by a weapon that rested there; a weapon that she would as soon have thought of leaving off as she would the gown itself, and which no woman could use with more quickness and accuracy.

When Boot Leg pointed with pride to Old Mrs. Elkins, it did so from a distance. She did not encourage familiarity, and the fact that she had never, until now, asked any man into her house made the present invitation more remarkable. Furthermore, Tom did not know how to deliver it. He was not acquainted with this young man, and it is difficult for a diffident person—and Tom was diffident—to deliver an invitation of this kind to a stranger. For some time Tom strolled aimlessly about, bringing up at last at the primitive little building that called itself a hotel with a resolution to speak to the stranger and have it over with.

The barroom was crowded, as at this time of day it always was. In the evening the gambling saloons and dance-halls took the people elsewhere. On the veranda sat the tenderfoot, pretending not to hear the comments on his appearance made by the men in the barroom. There was no one with him, Rather at a loss how to open a conversation, Tom seated himself by the stranger's side. For a moment or two he shifted uneasily, then, to cover his embarrassment, he pulled from his pocket a pipe and tobacco-bag. The bag proved to be empty.

"Try mine," said the young man by his side, handing over a pouch. Tom filled his pipe, lit it and took a couple of puffs, then, nodding thanks, returned the pouch.

"That there's good tobacco," said he.

"Glad you like it," returned the other. Then there was a long pause, during which Tom smoked vigorously and looked at his companion out of the corners of his eyes.

"Didn' come f'om 'roun' here now'ers?" hazarded Tom, at length.

"No," replied the tenderfoot. Another pause, in which, as before, Tom observed the other man keenly. The remarks from the saloon were becoming more and more offensive. Tom looked at his companion in a gentle amazement that he would allow them to pass unnoticed. Then he got mildly indignant on behalf of this stranger.

"Ther's some fools in there what want lickin'," said he, after a while.

"They'll get it in about five minutes more," answered the young fellow, more quickly than he had yet spoken. "I don't want any trouble, and I haven't said anything, but I'm getting pretty sick of it now."

"I'd a got sick some time back," rejoined Tom, sympathetically. "Can you shoot?" As he spoke he made a motion as though drawing and firing a pistol. The young fellow shook his head.

"Not to speak of," said he.

"Some er them fellers can," said Tom, "an' ther's some er them what wouldn't min' shootin' a man like you, what wasn't heeled, neither. 'Course I could kill him afterward," he added, reflectively, "but that wouldn' do much good. Reckon I c'n fix it, though. Look here! You willin' ter lick two er three er them fellers?"

"Be most happy," said the tenderfoot, rising from his seat. Tom also rose, and followed by the other, made two or three quick steps toward the barroom door, but before he reached it he suddenly stopped and faced around.

"Look here," said he, "I don' know whether I oughter do this thing er not. I got ter take you home 'ith me t' eat supper. My aunt, Ol' Mis' Elkins—she tol' me ter bring yer—an' if I got you damaged I don' know what she'd say. But mawbe you'd better go through with it, now you started. Come on." Entering the room, the two men strolled toward the bar. Tom asked the tenderfoot his name.

"Joyce—Robert Joyce," said he.

"Mine's Tom Caruthers," said Tom. He leaned his back against the bar and looked around the room. All eyes were on him and his companion.

"Look here, gentlemen, if you'll allow me ter use that ther expression," said he, addressing the crowd. "This yer young feller is Mr. Bob Joyce, what has jus' struck the town. He's heard some er you a-talkin' in a way that's kinder personal 'bout them there socks what he's got on. Now he allows that it ain't none er your business what kinder socks he wears, an' if anybody thinks he'd like ter make it his business, all he's got ter do is ter step right up an' interview Mr. Bob Joyce on the subject." He paused and again he looked around the room. No one spoke.

"Come," Tom went on, "we can't wait here all night jus' fer your convenience. Step lively an' come along, one at a time. Now's the time ter subscribe. Nobody comin'? Where's yer sportin' blood? Here's fifty dollars, all or any part of it, on Mr. Bob Joyce 'gainst any man here; at evens; guns an' knives barred." He paused again, and then went on: "Five ter four, then. No takers? Five ter three. Nobody yet? Two ter one. Now then, that's my las' offer. You fellers is a kinder jack-rabbity crowd. So long;—we can't wait no longer. Only don't say you ain't had a fair chance fer a firs' class lickin', that's all." As he finished speaking he motioned Joyce to precede him and then backed out of the door. Once outside he hurried his companion down the road and around the corner of an adobe building.

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"Now we know where we're at," said he. "It wasn' no way likely that none er them fellers would do anythin', but you can't never tell. Ther's some that'd like ter. They'll all be dead sore on you now, after that bluff I chucked. You wanter look out fer that ther crowd."

"Do you mean that they'll shoot me in the back?" asked Joyce, uneasily.

"No, maybe not. Likely they'll try'n get you inter an argerment, though, an' then let that kinder make an openin'. Have ter keep yer gun handy, that's all."

"But I haven't any gun," said the younger man, rather concerned at the prospect before him. Tom, however, seemed to take it as a matter of course.

"Oh, well," said he, in a soothing tone, "you c'n get one ter-morrer. Here we are at the house. That's her, stan'in' in the door, there."

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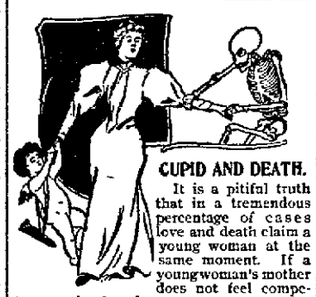

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Wabash Line

TO CHICAGO.		FROM CHICAGO.	
12	* 1:05 a m	13	* 3:55 a m
14	*11:45 a m	15	* 3:55 p m
16	† 9:20 a m	17	† 7:35 p m
TO ST. LOUIS.		FROM ST. LOUIS.	
3	* 4:05 a m	6	* 5:25 a m
11	* 7:00 a m	24	*11:25 a m
25	† 4:05 p m	14	*11:42 a m
15	* 4:00 p m	10	* 8:58 p m
1	*12:13 a m	2	*11:17 p m
7	* 7:20 p m	12	*12:55 a m
TO TOLEDO.		FROM TOLEDO.	
8	* 6:28 a m	1	*12:10 a m
4	*11:36 a m	7	* 7:17 p m
2	*11:20 p m	5	* 8:50 p m
10 Ft W. ac.	†1:30 p m	3	* 2:20 a m
34 Eft. Acc	†4:40 p m	11 From Ft W	*12:50 p m
		35 Eft. Accom	†10:45 a m
TO QUINCY.		FROM QUINCY.	
5	* 4:07 p m	4	*11:25 a m
13	* 4:10 a m	12	*10 50 p m
17 Spfd only	† 7:40 p m	16 from Spfg.	† 9 05 a m
35	†10 55 a m	34 Eff'g acm	† 4.35 p m
11 Buff acm	† 7:05 a m	10 frm Bluffs	† 6:50 p m

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday.

DEORIA, DECATUR & EVANSVILLE RY.

Arrive from Peoria		Arrive from Evansville	
A No. 1	10:35 a. m.	A No. 2	2:50 p. m
D No. 3	10:10 p. m.	A No. 4	6:25 a. m
A No. 11	2:30 p. m.	S No. 86	7:10 a. m
Depart for Peoria		**Depart for Evansville**	
A No. 2	3:00p. m.	A No. 1	10:45 a. m
A No. 4	6:35 a. m.	D No. 3	10:20 p. m
S No. 86	7:20 a. m.	A No 11	3:15 p. m
A No. 10	10: 35a. m.	"D"—Daily. "S" Sunday Only.	
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Vandalia Line.

In effect Dec. 11, 1897.

DEPARTS EAST.	
No. 84—Freight, ex. Sunday	6:35 a m
No 12—Except Sunday	7 40 a m
No. 6—Except Sunday	3:55 p
FROM TERRE HAUTE.	
No. 7—Except Sunday	10:45 a m
No. 83—Freight, ex. Sunday	5:00 p m
No. 21—Except Sunday	7:05 p m
DEPARTS WEST.	
No. 5—Ex. Sunday	7:00 a m
No. 85—Freight ex. Sunday	7:00 a m
No. 7—Ex. Sunday	10:55 a m
FROM PEORIA.	
No. 6—Ex. Sunday	3:20 p m
No. 86—Freight ex Sunday	4:10 p m
No. 4—Ex. Sunday	9:30 p m

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ARRIVE.		LEAVE.	
No. 1 Pass	*2:25 p m	No. 4 Pass	*10:55 p m
No. 8 Pass	*4:00 a m	No. 2 Pass	*11:30 a m
" 7	10:00 a m	" 8	2:40 a m
" 9	*8:00 p m	" 10	4:00 p m

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Illinois Central.

Corrected to November 28th, 1897.

No. 118 to Chicago via Clinton & Gilman ..... * 1:32 a. m
No. 120 to Chicago via Clinton & Gilman ..... * 11:52 a. m
No. 704 to Chicago via Champaign.. * 6:45 a. m
No. 104 Main Line North ..... * 11:28 a. m
No. 126 Main Line North ..... † 6:10 p. m
No. 702 Champaign Line Mixed leaves ..... † 2:45 p. m
No. 117 Diamond Special to St. Louis via Pana ..... * 3:19 a. m
No. 119 Daylight Special to St. Louis via Pana ..... * 9:37 p. m
No. 125 Main Line South to Pana ..... † 9:30 a. m
No. 103 Main Line South to Cairo. * 4:00 p. m
No. 191 Local Freight South ..... † 7:45 a. m
No. 703 from Chicago via Champaign, arrives ..... † 9:40 p. m
No. 701 from Champaign Mixed Train arrives ..... † 10:50 a. m

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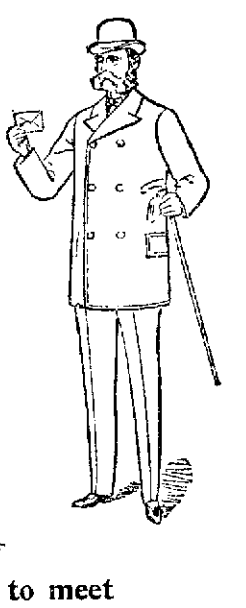

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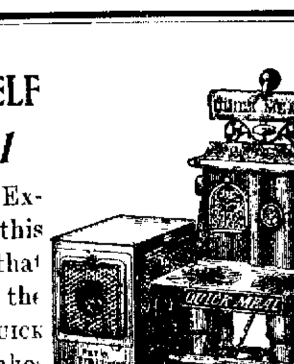

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The sweeper was out on the paved streets last night piling up the rubbish and dust to be carted away.

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Go to the Grand tonight and witness the benefit athletic entertainment.

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A beautiful line of Easter and Spring Millinery in all the latest styles and at the lowest prices, at Mrs. R. C. Hamsher's, 121 North Water street. 4-d6

The trimming of shade trees in the city has been resumed.

The roe of the codfish contains more latent living creatures than the whole human population of the globe.

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At 223 North Main street the largest stock of fresh bulk Garden Seed; also the greatest assortment of Flower Seeds ever brought to Decatur. Sweet Peas and Nasturtiums in bulk. Durfee & Culp. feb 9-dtf

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for garden seeds. They are now in receipt of large invoices of fresh seeds from the most reliable houses in the country.—m1-d&w8w

There is always a full line of the latest sheet music at the O. B. Prescott music house. It is the only place where you can get the Reed & Son's piano.

Dr. Hiram A. Stearns, one of the most widely known physicians in Central Illinois and a prominent Mason, died at Oakdale, Cal., Saturday afternoon. The remains will be brought to Taylorville for interment.

The colonial entertainment given recently by the members of the Dorcas society netted $75. In the near future the Turner society will give an entertainment, the proceeds to be added to the Dorcas fund which is to be used to erect a monument for Macon county soldiers.

It having been reported that Miss Anna McDonald was not in our employ we beg to state that she is as usual in charge of our millinery department, fully prepared to execute all orders to the entire satisfaction of her scores of friends and patrons. S. G. Hatch & Bro., J. W. Race, Assignee.

C. A. Potter, manager of the J. H. La Pearl great two-ring circus, was in the city today, with 16 men and the advertising car. The show will be on the Wabash grounds April 22, afternoon and night.

Last night E. W. Barkman, secretary of the Illinois association, left for Omaha, Neb., to join in making arrangements for the national firemen's tournament to be given at Omaha during the exposition. The cash prizes aggregate $20,000.

Enterprising Druggists.

There are few men more wide awake and enterprising than J. E. King and C. F. Shilling, who spare no pains to secure the best of everything in their line for their many customers. They now have the valuable agency for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. This is the wonderful remedy that is producing such a furor all over the country by its many startling cures. It absolutely cures Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs. Call at above drug stores and get a trial bottle for 10c, or a regular size for 50 cents and $1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

Found Not Guilty.

The jury in the case of the People vs. Augustine and Clarence Walt, before Justice Smith yesterday afternoon, returned a verdict of not guilty. The case was one wherein the proprietors of the Arcade were charged with violating the act regulating the practice of pharmacy. The prosecution was brought by the secretary of the state board of pharmacy. Attorney J. H. Lathum appeared for the prosecution and A. F. Smith for the defence. The case was tried before a jury of six men. It will be appealed and taken to the circuit court.

Without A Rival.

As a positive cure for sprains, bruises, and pains of all kinds, Salvation Oil has no equal. Mrs. Frank Juif, 518 Gratiot Ave., Detroit, Mich., writes: "I used Salvation Oil in my family and can say it has no rival as a liniment; it certainly cures pains. I sprained my ankle and it cured me and since then I have always used it for any pains and bruises." Salvation Oil is sold for only 25 cents. No other remedy will do the work as promptly.

FIREMEN TO MEET

Volunteers Will To-Night Hold Quarterly Meeting.

PLANS FOR TOURNAMENT

Will be Discussed—Badges Will be Selected and Other Matters Considered—Will be a Big Thing.

This evening the members of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Decatur will hold their regular quarterly meeting at the city council rooms. Various business matters will be transacted, but the most important thing to be considered will be the arrangements for the state tournament which is to be held in this city next July.

The tournament promises to be the largest that has been held in the state for several years. The firemen in all parts of the state are showing considerable interest and it is likely that the volunteer crews from many of the towns of the state will enter the contests. The arrangements for holding the meeting are in charge of the local executive committee, which is composed of the president, the vice presidents, the secretary and other officers of the Decatur association. The Decatur firemen must give the state association a bonus of $800, must offer $1600 in prizes and in addition to this must pay the expenses of the state officers who attend. It is estimated that the expenses to Decatur will be about $4000. The admission at the gate will be 25 cents and the gate receipts will help to pay the expenses. Already about $1200 has been secured by subscription and later in the season another canvass will probably be made. The local firemen think that there will be thousands of people come to the city. The men who attend the tournament are a class who spend money and the tournament will doubtless bring a large amount of money to the city.

One matter which will be considered at the meeting tonight is that of a badge. It is the intention to have a badge to sell as a souvenir of the occasion. President Hughes has several samples of neat badges which he will present to the association tonight. They are made of celluloid and are fastened to a gilt pin. The firemen will decide upon some badge and have them made to order. More elaborate badges will be selected for the officers and the contestants. A number of other matters in connection with the arrangements will be discussed at the meeting tonight.

OUR HOME INSTITUTION.

The Woman's Department of the State University.

Just about a year ago the board of trustees created a new department in the university at Champaign, to be known as the Woman's Department. It had become noticeable that the number of women attending the University had not increased in the same proportion as that of the men and too, that the women students had many needs and interests that merited special attention, notably the need of suitable places of residence. It was therefore decided to bring all these interests into the field of a special department—the Woman's Department; and a dean was elected to take charge of these interests, who, as dean, represents the women students in the Council of Administration, and who, at the same time, as a member of the Faculty, occupies the position of Assistant Professor of English literature. It is further a part of her duty as expressed in the action of the board, "to aid and advise the women students in their University work and in social life, to the end that the highest attributes of independent but true womanly character may be here developed." The present dean is Miss Violet D. Jayne, an M. A. from the University of Michigan, and afterwards a postgraduate student at the University of Zurich, Switzerland.

The board endeavored further to meet the needs of the department by urging the legislature to grant an appropriation for a Woman's building which should make a commodious and comfortable home for young women who come from other parts of the state. This appropriation was unfortunately not granted; and the work of the department, since this was its greatest need, has been greatly retarded. But its hopes are still high for such a building in the near future, and for increased advantages in the line of gymnastics and domestic economy. The outcome will depend upon the attitude of the people of the state as expressed by their representatives at the next meeting of the legislature.

IN THE "NORTH END."

How Methodism Has Developed Steadily—Good Work.

There are, no doubt persons in the city who know nothing of the work of what was the Grace church mission and Wesley mission.

Asbury M. E. church, formerly Grace church mission, corner Broadway and Herkimer streets, was organized as a church October 1, 1897, with 38 members.

Six months have passed and there are now 85 members and eighteen on probation. The Sunday school is inferior to none in the city, having an attendance of from 165 to 220, averaging about 200. J. O. Spence is superintendent.

The league is doing good work and making a steady advancement. Miss Mary Ramsey is president. All departments of the church is flourishing. Prospects are favorable and hopes are entertained for the enlargement and beautifying of the church in the near future.

Wesley Mission—The work at Wesley has prospered. The Sunday school has an average attendance of 150. R. C. Augustine is the Superintendent. An Epworth League was organized in November last and has now a membership of 60. Alva M. Johnson is president.

Preaching services at Asbury at 10:30 a. m. and at Wesley at 7:30 p. m. every Sunday. The pastor and churches are glad to invite and welcome every one to all the services.

Rev. A. M. Wells, Pastor.

SUGAR BEET NOTES.

By Prof. Theo. Hapke, of Champaign, in Charge of Several Beet Farms.

Beet factories begin work between the middle of September and October 1.

Hauling the beets to the factory is let by the contract at 30 to 40 cents a ton, according to the distance.

There is no good sugar in the beet top but both beet and leaves are good stock feed and particularly for sheep.

Ten beets are plugged out of each load, the juice pressed out and tested for the per cent of sugar and purity, which governs the pay as per contract.

Beet cultivation leaves the land in better condition than ever, free of weeds and trash and stirred up deep. Better beets can be raised and easier the second year.

At the factory the beets are washed and inspected, and those not topped right are topped again, and the proportionate reduction made. This averages 5 to 10 per cent, the work costing the farmer nothing.

The land is cleaner and in better condition for beets the second year, but never raise beets on the same land longer than two years in succession. They do not exhaust the fertility for other crops, but the per cent of sugar will not be so great.

The only proper way for a factory to pay for beets is according to the per cent of sugar. Twenty-five or thirty tons of great beets can be raised per acre, but they will be worthless to the factory. Never try to combine the raising of stock and sugar beets.

Sugar beets are harvested by loosening the ground around them with a digger, leaving the beets in the ground so they can be picked up by hand quickly and thrown into piles. The old European way of cutting the tops off by hand is the best. In Nebraska corn knives with half the blade cut off are used. Cut the beet top off just below the bottom leaves with one stroke, holding the beet in the left hand. The extra dirt is shaken off while topping, which is done very fast and at a cost of $4 per acre.

AT THE GRAND.

TONIGHT.

The athletic entertainment tonight for the benefit of the High school association will be certain to draw a large audience. Gentlemen, ladies and boys will be on the stage to entertain the people in various numbers.

"SOUTH BEFORE THE WAR."

The colored quarters on a southern plantation in old slavery days form the scene reproduced in Whallen and Martell's mammoth production, the "South Before the War," which occupies the stage of the Grand Tuesday night, April 12. Buck and wing dancing, a cake walk for gold and silver medals, jubilee songs and dances, and an old time colored camp meeting, introducing all the characters usually seen there, and a pickaninny band of 17 little colored boys, are a few of the novelties introduced. The performance in its entirety is the best presentation of negro life on a plantation ever attempted, and the play is a pronounced hit wherever it is produced. It is absolutely unique and different from anything of the kind ever attempted. The company numbers some 50 people, who travel in their own palace car, and who all take part in a parade which starts from the opera house at 11:30 a. m.

New Wabash Engineer.

T. H. Menifee, for 27 years an engineer on the Vandalia road with a run between St. Louis and Terre Haute has severed his connection with that road and accepted a similar position with the Wabash. Mr. Menifee will make his headquarters in Decatur and has taken a house at 841 North Water street. His family will move here this week.

Started for England.

Harry L. Oldham and mother, Mrs. Oldham Oldham, left last night for New York. On April 13 they will sail for their old home in England. Mr. Oldham will return July 1. Last evening at the St. Nicholas hotel Mr. Laux gave the departing guests a complimentary dinner of eight courses.

There are 40 varieties of the tobacco plant.

SOLD FOR $130,000

Sale of the Gas Light and Electric Plant.

MEANS $1 GAS FOR DECATUR

Annual Meeting of the Home Stockholders—Danforth Syndicate the Purchasers—Extensive Improvement to Come.

The stockholders of the Decatur Light, Heat and Power Company, formerly the Decatur Gas Light and Coke Co., held their annual meeting last night and completed the arrangements for selling all of the property and plant belonging to the company. The purchase is made by a syndicate at the head of which is A. G. Danforth & Sons of Peoria, Ill.

A two-thirds vote of the stockholders was necessary to sell the plant, but the stock holders present were unanimous in their decision to make the sale. There are 1000 shares in the company and at the meeting last night 714 shares were represented by the following stockholders: B. K. Durfee, L. E. Eyman, L. Burrows, Harry Shlaudeman, Frank Shlaudeman, Joseph Michl and J. F. Given, who acted as agent for Orlando Powers. One of the purchasers, G. C. Danforth, was present and also Attorneys Johns and Housum, who represented the purchasers.

The purchase is for all the property franchises and plant of the Decatur Light, Heat and Power Company, and also the Decatur Electric Company. The deeds were ordered made out to Paul M. Bussy of Washington, Ill., who will hold the property in trust until the corporation is completed. The price paid was approximately $130,000. The purchasers assume the bonded indebtedness of the company which amounts to about $80,000, and pay $50,000 in cash. The stockholders in the old company have the privilege of exchanging their stock for bonds in the new company, but as yet it is not known whether or not any Decatur men will want any stock in the new company. It will be about two weeks before the new company will receive the charter. The name will be the Decatur Gas and Electric Company. It is understood that the plant will be enlarged and that extensive improvements will be made. Danforth and Sons and a firm owning gas and electric plant at a number of places and will doubtless be successful in their handling of the local plant.

G. C. Danforth will come to this city to make his home and will have full charge of the plant. As soon as the charter is secured it is understood that the work of improvement will commence.

The gas company is one of the oldest concerns in this city. It was organized when Decatur was but a small place and has grown with the city.

IMPROMPTU, FANTASIE,

And Caprice—Subject at Meeting of Musical Culture Club.

The Musical Culture club met at 10 o'clock this morning at the Woman's club. The impromptu, phantasie and caprice were studied and illustrated in the following program:

Impromptu, "Schubert"—Miss Cake.
Duett—The Misses Durfee.
Paper, "Impromptu, Phantaise and Caprice"—Mrs. Walt.
Phantasie Impromptu. Chopin—Miss Clark.
Vesper Song. "Mardon"—Lyric Trio.

The next meeting of the club will be an open meeting and will be given at Lutz' music store. One of the most interesting programs of the club year will be given at this meeting.

Our Special Sale of Easter Shoes.

They are comfortable as a silk mitten, soft, pliable. They represent the highest degree of style. Unlike any other shoes because better than any other shoes. Get a pair and convince yourself. Big bargains this week. Walter Hutchin, 7-d2t 139 North Water street.

The average consumption of California wine is 22,000,000 gallons, but the wine crop is short this year by nearly 50 per cent.

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ALDERMANIC ELECTION, APR. 19

First Ward.....Charles F. Shilling
Second Ward.....H. C. Anthony
Third Ward.....Geo. F. DeWitt
Fourth Ward.....Wm. T. Peake
Fifth Ward.....Henry Keas
Sixth Ward.....Jacob Weigand
Seventh Ward.....J. Frank Davis

WEATHER.

Chicago, April 8.—Illinois: Light local showers and warmer tonight; Saturday generally fair, increasing southerly winds.

The People Waited.

There are those who are inclined to criticise the administration and General Lee for not having the Americans out of Cuba some days ago forget that the United States has no power to force Americans to leave Cuba, while at the same time it is committed to the care of its citizens wherever they may be.

These people have been long warned, it is true, but they have not heeded that warning, probably assuming there was no danger of war until the last minute when they exhibited a desire to leave the island, and a halt had to be called in the proceedings to save the people. This is human nature It has always been so. The antedeluvians watched Noah prepare his ark with unconcern and perhaps with disgust. They did not believe that the promised flood would not be much of a storm anyway and they were lost. The civil war presents many parallel cases. When Burnside was about to execute the move which resulted in the battle of Fredericksburg, the batteries were placed on Falmouth Heights over the town and the people were ordered to leave the city. Only a small per cent responded to the order and Burnside was compelled to disarrange his plans or open his batteries on the city, while the people were still in it. When the iron hail began to fall through the roofs of the houses and on the streets the people became panistricken and poured out of the city, over the fields and took refuge in rear of the confederate army on Maries Heights. So it is not strange that the citizens of the United States in Cuba were unmoved by the notices served on them by McKinley and Lee until the last minute, when they were seized by a panic and appealed for help and time to do what they should have done a week ago.

A Wholesome Measure.

American Economist: One of the biggest feathers in the cap of the present administration might appropriately be in the form of a tea leaf. The enactment in March, 1897, and the subsequent enforcement of the well considered new tea law has been doubly advantageous. It has not only resulted in the exclusion of unwholesome low-grade stuff heretofore imported and sold in large quantities as tea, but it has given to the people of the whole country teas of unquestionable purity. Since this law has been in operation the customs examiners have been furnished with uniform standards carefully selected by the most eminent tea experts in the country, and by the application of these standards to all teas offered for import it has been possible to rigidly exclude all inferior and adulterated tea.

The customs authorities of the port of New York say that since last spring not a pound of impure tea has come into this country. The tea drinkers of the United States are thus protected in a sanitary sense, and the consumption of good tea has increased.

An attempt to reimport about 180 000 pounds of inferior teas once rejected by the examiners at this port was promptly stopped only a few days ago by the local appraiser. This merchandise came here originally from China. After its first rejection by the federal tea examiner it was taken out of the country as required by law. The supposition is that its owners took it to Canada and sent it from there to England, for on its recent appearance here it came direct from London. A few years ago this country was flooded with bad teas, some of them of a very deleterious quality. Today there is probably no country in the world more free than is our own from such mischievous merchandise.

Our Circulation.

A comparative statement given out by the treasury department shows that during the month of March the net increase in money is circulation was $29,681,968 and that the circulation per capita April 1 was $22.69.

During that period the net increase in the treasury was $1,394,309, principally in gold. The general stock of money in the country amounts to $2,413,736,148. The amount in the treasury is $657,677,503 and the amount in circulation is $1,756,058,645, against $1,669,000,694, April 1, 1897.

Those Cubans who seem to suspect that it is the intention of the United States to seize and held Cuba need have no fears along that line. There are few people who favor the annexation or acquisition of Cuba to the United States, but there is one thing these people should not forget and that is that the United States wants peace in Cuba and when once the Cubans attempt to exercise sovereignty over the island unless they get down to government in the interest of the pursuit of happiness they will have trouble with Uncle Sam.

When the British minister, a few days since, said that he fully realized that the United States was fully able to take care of itself, but that in case the government desired mediation Great Britain stood ready to respond to any invitation looking to such a course, he spoke a great truth which our people will remember.

This country is in favor of a fair deal and any movement to deprive the patriot army of Cuba of the blessings and benefits of the government they have won and set up by their own sacrifices will not be endorsed by the American people.

There will have to be satisfaction for the destruction of the Maine and its sailors or the discipline in the United States navy will not be of the first class order.

We want less consideration for Spanish politics and more for American politics.

BRAKEMAN INJURED.

Wabash Man Had His Foot Badly Mashed—John Rostick Hurt.

Brakeman Becker of the Wabash, met with a bad accident this morning while near the St. Louis bridge He had his right foot badly mashede. The foot was split up the middle and it will probably be necessary to amputate a part of it. He was brought to the city and Dr. Parish the Wabash surgeon attended him. The doctor took the injured man to the hospital a Springfield.

John Roetick, Jr., the 15 year old son of John Rostick, was injured at noon today at the new shaft of the Decatur Coal company, where both men are employed. The boy had his right thigh broken. The patrol wagon was called and Officer John Williamson took the boy to his home at the corner of Leafland avenue and Jasper street.

Grace M. E. Sale.

Go to the Easter Sale of the Woman's Home Missionary society of Grace M. E. church Saturday morning beginning at 9 o'clock. Aprons, sun bonnets, iron holders and eatables will be sold. First door west of Cracker factory office.

A Real Catarrh Cure.

The 10 cent trial size of Ely's Cream Balm, which can be had of the druggist, is sufficient to demonstrate its great merit. Send 10 cents, we will mail it. Full size 50c.
ELY BROS., 56 Warren St., N. Y. City.
Catarrh caused difficulty in speaking and to a great extent loss of hearing. By the use of Ely's Cream Balm dropping of mucous has ceased, voice and hearing have greatly improved.—J. W. Davidson, Attorney at Law, Monmouth, Ill.

Mandamus Motion.

Springfield, Ill., April 8.—Ex-Attorney General Maloney today made a motion in the supreme court for leave to file a petition for a mandamus in the senatorial apportionment cases.

Children like it, it saves their lives. We mean One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, and all throat and lung troubles. H. W. Bell.

Birthday Sunday.

On Easter Sunday the members of the First Baptist Sunday school will observe their first annual birthday Sunday. Each member will contribute one cent for each year they are old. A special Easter program will also be given.

Settles Nervous Bankruptcy.

Investigation shows that men who succeed are men of brains—strong nerves—great will power. Ordinary food cannot supply the vital forces which people with active brains and bodies require. Bicola Pills feed the nerves—make the mind bright, muscles strong—make flesh and blood and give perfect health to *Men and Women*. THE TURNERS OF PHILADELPHIA make Bicola Pills.

J. E. Buckey, Chief Clerk National Hotel, Washington, D. C., testifies that he was all run down—was a shadow of his former self—Bicola Pills gave him wonderful relief—he gained over twenty pounds after using them.

DECATUR AGENTS, C. F. SCHILLING AND N. L. KRONE.

Turner's Little Liver Turners—A very small pill. Turn your liver. Cure Sick Headache—Biliousness—Indigestion.

WAR NEWS.

Continued from first page.

republic on the status of that government. President Palma of the Cuban Junta was also present.

Secretary of the Cuban Legation Albertina and B J. Guerra, representing the Cuban Junta, were heard by the senate committee on foreign relations today relative to the status of the Cuban government.

The deputy treasurer of the Cuban republic appeared with his books which the committee inspected. He declared that of $10,000,000 in bonds authorized by the republic only $122,000 had been disposed of. The lowest price received was 25 cents on the dollar for $20,000 worth. One million of the bonds are locked up in the safe of Belmont & Co., New York. Three millions more signed are locked up in the treasurer's vaults. Without giving names he told the story of the DeLome letter. He said it was abstracted from the mails by a Cuban sympathizer employed as clerk in the postoffice at Havana, who sent it back to New York, where it was given out for publication.

The adjournment of the committee to Monday is considered significant, as indicating an intention to be ready for action on that day, if necessary.

That Six Hours' Notice.

It appears that the note sent to the Spanish cabinet by Minister Woodford urging a reply within six hours and construed as bordering on an ultimatum, was sent before Minister Woodford knew that the presentation of President McKinley's message was deferred. He subsequently withdrew it, but it appears that the personal feeling engendered has nevertheless continued. The Spanish minister here has received no orders relative to his withdrawal.

Waiting for the Shock.

Madrid, April 8.—A cabinet minister in an interview today said: "It is entirely useless to attempt to arrange a compromise in the face of the attitude of America, which has decided to seek a rupture at any cost. The Spanish government would weaken itself by concessions antagonistic to public sentiment."

MUST HAVE MONEY FOR WAR

Increase of Tax on Beer and Tobacco—Ways and Means.

Washington, April 8.—The house ways and means committee is busy with the treasury officials drafting the war revenue measure. It has been practically agreed that there shall be an increase in the internal revenue on beer from $1 a barrel to $8, with a large increase on all forms of manufactured tobacco. Probably checks, drafts, bills, exchange, deeds, mortgages and patent medicines will be added to the list.

STOUT HIT HARD.

Knocked Out at Columbus by the "Omaha Kid."

Columbus, O., April 8.—George Stout of Philadelphia knocked out by Oscar Gardiner, the "Omaha Kid," in a hot fight last night, died from the effects of the blow this morning. In the 12th round the fatal jolt was given, Stout falling heavily. He never regained consciousness. Gardiner has been arrested.

Game This Evening.

The Linn & Scruggs base ball team will play the South End Sluggers at the vacant lots near the tannery on South Main street this evening.

Bicycle Club.

The members of the Bicycle club will meet at 9 o'clock Sunday morning at their hall in the Pasfield building for a run through town and to discuss the organization of a base ball club.

"The Crucifixion" To-Night.

Dr. Penhallegon will preach on "The Crucifixion" tonight at the First Presbyterian church.

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver is inactive, you have a bilious look if your stomach is disordered you have a dyspeptic look; if your kidneys are affected you have a pinched look. Secure good health and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alterative and Tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys, purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's drug stores. 50 cents per bottle.

Our Special Sale This Week

Of Easter shoes meets the needs of all. Better call and see us. Call at once. A thing done when thought of is never forgotten. Walter Hutchin, 139 North Water street.—7-26

PERSONAL.

—E. D. Bartholomew has returned from a business trip to Chicago.

—J. W. Race is in Springfield today on business.

—Mrs. Harry Powell of Chicago is the guest of Mrs. Tom Cassell of East North street.

—F. E. Smith of Hopedale was in the city yesterday.

—Mrs. D. W. Porter of Blue Mound is visiting with Decatur friends.

—A. W. Wells of Niantic is visiting his son, who has recently located in Decatur.

—Peter Mash of Blue Mound transacted business in Decatur today.

—Mrs. George Walker and daughter, Miss Stella of Bethany are guests of friends and relatives in the city.

—Miss Grace La Force has recovered from an attack of malarial fever.

—Samuel Lester of Jacksonville was in the city today.

—Edwin Haines is riding a new Cleveland.

—Mrs. A Weaver of Cerro Gordo visited with Decatur friends today.

—Mrs. Fitzgerald of Bethany is here to nurse her son, John R. Fitzgerald, who is ill of appendicitis.

—Mr. Momemy, a real estate man from Mondota, Ill., was in the city on business the early part of the week.

Get Down to Causes.

Decatur People Reason Easily and Consistently Nowadays.

In former times liniments and plasters sold over all internal remedies, because people mistook effects for diseases and attacked a pain where they found it. Temporary relief convinced them they were right, and so they laid a return of the pain to a return of the complaint, when in fact the disease was there all the time. Backache is not an aching of the back, but an aching of the kidneys, and remedies must reach the kidneys, and be perfect in the work at that, before permanent relief is secured. Doan's Kidney pills are perfect in their work, and permanent in their cure. A backache gives way at once because the kidneys resume their natural functions and there is nothing to each. There is nothing so hard to combat as the evidence of our senses, and yet all who believe us on the subject of backache are glad they did because of the cure.

Mr. Edward Flynn of 124 East North street, says: "Doan's Kidney Pills did me a remarkable lot of good. My kidneys have been affected for three or four years causing pains through my back so severe at times that I could not rest through the night and frequently I got up as tired in the morning as when I went to bed. There was also a difficulty with the kidney secretions accompanied with some pain. Doan's Kidney Pills were recommended to me and I got a box. They soon benefited me in every way, more so than any other medicine I ever used. They relieved the pain in my back, rendered the secretions normal and I can rest well at night. Doan's Kidney Pills perform all that is claimed for them, and whenever I hear any of my friends complain of their back or kidneys I do not hesitate to recommend such a valuable preparation."

Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name Doan's and take no substitute.

Conservator Discharged.

David W. Garver, conservator of the estate of Sarah M. Garver, who is distracted, today in the county court filed a petition asking that he be discharged as conservator, the estate being insolvent. Judge Hammer discharged the conservator.

MARKETS.

FURNISHED BY B. Z. TAYLOR.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 8.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Yes't'day.
Wheat—					
April	—	—	—	103	—
May	1.05	106⅝	104⅛	105	105⅛
July	84	84⅝	83⅝	84⅜	83⅞
Corn—					
April	—	—	—	29⅝	28⅜
May	29⅛	30	29⅛	30	29⅛
July	30⅛	31⅛	30⅛	31⅛	30⅛
Oats—					
April	—	—	—	25⅝	25⅝
May	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝
July	23½	23½	23⅛	23⅛	23
Pork—					
May	9.75	9.82½	9.75	9.82	9.82½
Lard					
May	5.15	5.17½	5.15	5.17½	5.15
Ribs					
May	5.15	5.17½	5.15	5.17½	5.15

To-Day's Receipts—Car Lots.

Wheat—75; Estimated, 93; a year ago, 6
Corn—196; Estimated, 163, a year ago 188.
Oats—139; Estimated, 245; a year ago, 287.

Estimates for To-Morrow.

Wheat, 80; Corn, 140; Oats, 165.

Hogs.

Hog receipts, 20,000. Estimated, 23,000.
Market slow.
Light. $3.70@3.87½ Mixed $3.70@4.00;
Heavy $3.80@4.05; Rough, $3.70@3.80.
Estimated for to-morrow, 17,000.

Cattle.

Cattle receipts, 2,000. Market steady.

Don't worry about things that can't be remedied. Make the best of them.

A Beacon of Hope,

To those afflicted with Kidney of Bladder Diseases is Foley's Kidney Cure. Guaranteed. H. W. Bell, N. L Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

WE'RE CROWDED

With new things all for Men and Boys.

We have been busy for a month unpacking and arranging. Now we are ready to show you all that is new in the way of Suits, Hats, Neckwear—anything. Styles and prices will interest you even if you think you don't want to buy.

HOW TO DRESS BOYS

used to be a hard question. It is so no longer. We've solved it. Come and see the new materials, fine workmanship, low prices and you will say so too.

$5 will get a Vestee Suit that is a beauty, made of all wool covert cloth, trimmed in green broadcloth, interlaced braid on corners of the big sailor collar, double rows of pearl buttons on vest and coat, pearl chain, braid on front of coat and around collar, vestee embroidered with silk anchor.

$4.75 gets a handsome tan and brown plaid Velour Cassimere, trimmed with wide brown Soutache braid, narrow tan braid between, on corners of collar interlaced braid, vest with two pockets, big pearl buttons. Exquisite tailoring.

$4.50 gets another handsome dark bottle green serge, trimmed with narrow black silk braid, upper part of vestee red broadcloth, pearl buttons, decidedly dressy and swell and worth more money.

These Are Only Samples.

VESTEE SUITS, ages 3 to 8, all wool, from— $2.40 up
JUNIOR SUITS, ages 3 to 7, from— $1.50 up
KNEE PANTS SUITS, ages 9 to 15, from— $2.00 up

Hats...

$3.50 for the Best

We have the swellest New Hats in town The most particular and most stylish dressers say so and buy them. In our Longley and Enquirer Hats we are offering a $5.00 hat for $3.50 and $3 Those are our top prices, but the hats are worth $5.00. They equal in style, finish, fit and wearing qualities any hat made.

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COLD, DAMP WEATHER

Again Grips us by the Throat, but you can shake off that dreadful "Grip," Cough or Cold, if you will use

The Great 4-C Remedy.

WHAT IF NOT MIRACLES ?

The great Four-C Remedy is doing work wherever introduced as nearly miraculous as it ever falls to the lot of any human agency to do (I will esteem it a favor for any one interested to write the persons whose names appear below or any one whose names may appear among these testimonials.)

My aim is to convince the public of my sincerity and of the true merits of this remedy.

BENEFACTORS OF THE RACE,

Office of "KINGFISHER TIMES,"
Kingfisher, Okla., Dec. 12, '93.

GENTLEMEN—I believe it my duty to write you a line in regard to the beneficial effect of Phelps' "Four C Remedy," so far as I am personally concerned. A week ago last Thursday, I was taken with a severe attack of la grippe and in a short time became so hoarse I could not speak above a whisper. The night previous I coughed nearly the entire night; just before retiring I took a teaspoonful, and slept the entire night as sweetly as ever I did in my life, not coughing once. I was entirely relieved before taking one bottle. Phelps' Cough, Cold and Croup Cure should be in every household in the land. I send you this wholly unsolicited by any one, for you are benefactors of the race in giving it the antidote for some of the worst affections to which it is heir. Very truly yours,
C. J. NESBITT, Editor.

A MIRACLE.

Kansas City, Kansas, Dec. 21, '91.

Last Friday, Dec. 19 my attending physician stated that unless I was better by morning he could do nothing for my relief. That night I commenced taking Phelps' "Four-C" Remedy, stopped all other medicines. The first dose stopped my cough; slept and rested well; a few more doses removed all soreness from my lungs; the second day I was up; the third day I was out on the porch and today was up town purchasing holiday goods.
MISS JENNIE BASSETT,
Washington Avenue and Summit St.

CROUP CURED.

One dose of Phelps' Cough, Cold and Croup Cure, gave my child instant relief when attacked with the croup.
W. E. MOORE, of Moore Bros., Grocers,
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And The Big Store is better prepared to satisfactorily fill all your wants than ever before. Every department in this whole great store is brim full of bright, new Spring Goods, and it is fast becoming axiomatic that

Our Prices are Absolutely the Lowest in Decatur.

Easter Undermuslin.

Muslin Underwear and Silk Petticoats—much reduced for Saturday.

Women's Fine Lace Trimmed Cambric Skirt—worth—$3.50 for $1.50

Women's Fine Nainsook and Long Cloth Chemise—Gretchen and Margurite style—the new sort that answers for both chemise and short skirt. Several pieces between $3.75 and— $2

Women's Fine Lace and Embroidered Drawers—Loie Fuller style—from $2.00 to— $1.25

Women's Nainsook Long Cloth and Cambric French Corset Covers—square and round neck—lace and embroidery trimmed—upwards from— 50c

Women's Fancy Plain and Silk Petticoats—$10.00, $7.50, $6.50, $5.98, $4.98 and— $3.98

Women's Nearsilk Petticoats—Plaids and Fancy Stripes—upwards from— 98c

$4.98 for Women's Brocaded Silk Capes—Empire back—yoke effect—Chiffon, Ribbon and Jet trimmed—handsomely silk lined—collar of Ribbon and Chiffon—well worth $7.50.

Women' English Box Coats—fitted back—strap seams—full lined with Changeable Taffeta Silk—trimmed with steel and pearl buttons—a manufacturer's line of samples bought at a liberal discount from list prices and here just in time for Easter.

Absolutely worth $13 50, $16.50, $20.00.
Offered at $10.00, $12.50, $15.00.

Womens' Easter Wraps==Suits.

A special offering of Women's High-class outer garments emphasizing most plainly the superiority of this cloak section over all others.

$10.00 for choice of 150 Women's Suits—Tan Covert Street Costumes, Jacket full silk lined—Fancy Scotch and English Suiting, made up with strap seams, buckle trimmed, Fly Front and full silk lined.—Cheviot Serge Man Tailored Suits, Jacket and Skirt, full silk lined. This great lot of Women's High Grade Fine Tailored Costumes, none of which is worth less than $15.00, offered at choice— $10.00

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$2.95 for Misses' Navy Reefer Jackets, self faced, trimmed with 50 buttons, a very jaunty little spring coat and good value at $4.00.

Easter Handkerchiefs.

A Special counter near the Main Entrance has been arranged to facilitate the Easter buying. We've most every thing in the way of Handkerchiefs for men, women and children and the prices range from a penny to a five dollar bill. Some elegant novelties have been procured for the Easter demand and we are making a special leader of about two hundred that ought to be interesting to folks with correct ideas of economy. The lot includes Fine Lawn Handkerchiefs with lace edge and pretty designs in colored embroidery: and Fine Lawn Handkerchiefs with lace edge finished with ¼-inch insertion and pretty corner designs. We are quite sure that such a collection of Easter novelties is not shown elsewhere and while these were imported to sell at 38c we offer them Saturday at the extremely low price of 25c

Easter Millinery.

The Millinery Parlor will resemble a bee hive omorrow. It's the last chance to provide yourself with that Easter bonnet and it's our last chance to sell it too. For that reason we promise you some remarkably low prices. We have secured the services of several extra trimmers and sales people and positively guarantee to fill all Easter orders taken Saturday.

Most of you have been investigating the Millinery question and you know that we've by far the largest and best showing in Decatur. Our own splendid work rooms have been busy night and day for a fortnight or so turning out original ideas and clever copies from Imported Patterns.

If you've not secured your Bonnet we'll expect to see you tomorrow.

CORRECT EASTER NECKWEAR

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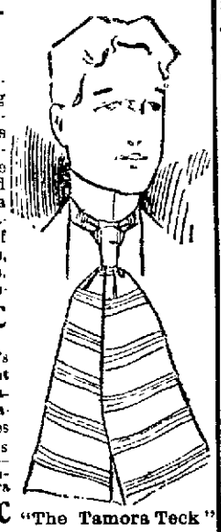
"The Lady Babbie."

Men's Department--Main Floor.

Late Novelties in Women's Neckwear, comprising all the newest ideas for Easter wear—popular styles as worn by exclusive and fashionable women in all the fashion centers of the world—shown only here in a really satisfactory assortment—finest quality of silks and satins—plaids, stripes and plain colors. "The Lady Babbie" is especially up to date and ultra swell at 75c and 50c

Gorgeous gathering of men's fashionable neckwear—newest London styles in every conceivable shade, shape and combination—English designs in Brocades—English jaspers—twills—stripes plaids—checks and bold figures—the new Ascot English puff—Imperial, Four-in-hand and Tamora Teck scarfs. Prices quite low if style and quality is considered— 50c



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Boys' Easter Clothing

And for other occasions too. Boys' School Suits and Boys Dress Suits, priced much lower than you've ever bought them before. We are careful to see that the clothing we sell is correct in every essential and there's no doubt about the lowness of our prices.

Boys' Spring Overcoats—Made of Tan Colored English Covert Cloth, full lined with good quality Tailor Serge, a jaunty little top coat, the product of fine custom tailors and worth at least $5.50 in any clothing store. Our price is— $3.95

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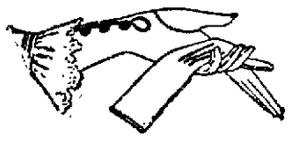
Boy's Vestee and Middy Suits—a strong assortment of correct spring colorings. These Suits were made on a special order by a large Eastern Boy's Tailoring establishment especially for our department. Such suits are offered nowhere else under $5.50 but are an Easter special at— $3.95

EASTER KID GLOVES

For Men and Women.

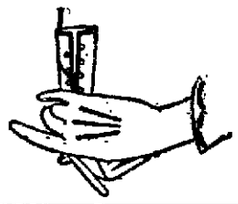


Extra people will be at the Glove Counter tomorrow to assist you in your choosing. Next to a new Hat there's nothing quite so necessary in the Easter toilete as a pair of gloves. The men too, have a weakness in this direction, and we've arranged for them in The Men's Department—just inside the Main Entrance.

$1.00 and $1.25 for Black and all shades of 2 clasp and 5 book Kid Gloves.

$1.50 for Black and all popular shades of 8-clasp and hood Kid Gloves.

$1.75 for Black and colors Glace and Suede Kid Gloves—clasp and button.



$1.00 for Men's Real Dog Skin Gloves—Tan, Brown and Oxblood—made with cable seams.

$1.50 for Men's Walking Gloves—Light and Dark Tans—neatly trimmed backs—very stylish.

EASTER UNDERWEARABLES

For Men and Women.

It's time to buy your spring and summer Uunderwearables—you may want them for Easter—and the Big Store is the place to buy. The following prices explain.

25c for Women's Shaped Ribbed Cotton Vests—white and ecru—for early spring wear.

35c for Women's Lisle Vests—low neck, no sleeves—a special leader.

50c for Women's Swiss Ribbed Lisle Vests—low neck—no sleeves—Linen Lace trimmed.

49c for Men's Fancy Lace Striped and Plain Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers—well made—all sizes—75c values.

98c for Men's "French Lisle" Shirts and Drawers—Delicate shades—French collarette—Silk front—Pearl buttons—all sizes.

25c for Men's Fancy Half Hose—Tartan Plaids French Stripes—Plain Black and Tan—35c and 50c values.

10c for Men's Black or Tan Half Hose—finely woven—real 15c goods.

25c for Women's Fine Maco Stockings, 40 guage. Bicheliu Ribbed—Genuine 35c value.

50c for Women's Extra Super Lisle Thread Stockings—60 guage—spliced seam and heels—double soles—Hermsdorf dye.

Easter for Baby.

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Infants' Knitted and Embroidered Cashmere Sacques—upward in price from—

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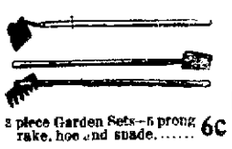
BASEMENT ECONOMY

Saturday is bargain day in the Big Store's busy Basement. Scores of Household Helps are radically reduced in price as an incentive to lively buying. The space won't permit us to mention but a few. Join the crowd and save from 25 per cent. to 50 per cent. on your Housefurnishings by trading at the Big Store.

These extraordinarily low prices are for Saturday only.

10 inch Garden Trowels—heavy sheet steel blade—strong wood handle..... 2c

5 quart Extra Heavy re-tinned Kettles or Sauce Pans.....6c



3 piece Garden Sets—5 prong rake, hoe and spade..... 6c

Hunter's Patent Flour Sifters—Large size.. 5c

No. 8 Extra Heavy Tin Wash Boilers— 33c

8 or 10 qt. Heavy Galvanized Iron Water Pails—7c

16 inch Japanned Trays—gilt edge..... 9c

Japanned Wire Coat and Hat Hooks—per doz.. 5c

Easter Parasols.

There's not an article connected with your Easter outfit that is of more importance than a chic stylish Parasol. Coaching Parasols in all the new shades and changeables—fancy plaids—Dresden effects—chiffon and lace trimmed—fancy top center with chiffon trimming—Bayadere stripes—plain Taffetas with colored border.

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Men's Good Working Suits, well worth $8.00....................Sale price **$2.98**
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Men's Cassimer Suits in all shades and styles, well worth $12.00 and $14.00....................Sale price **5.98**
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Men's Tailor Made Suits, equal to the best custom work, and well worth $18.00 to $20.00....................Sale price **9.98**

BOYS' SUITS.

Mother, we call your attention to this line of Boys' Suits, a good serviceable Boy's Suit well worth $2.00 and $2.50—going during..........this sale at **$ .75**
Boys' Suits, all colors, in Cheviot and well worth $3.00 and $3.50—go during....................this sale at **1.98**
Boys' Suits in best Clays and Cassimere, this line especially desirable for confirmation suits and well worth $5.00 and $6.00—go during....................this sale at **2.98**
One lot of Boys' Wash Suits, ages 4 to 10 years, worth 50c and 75c ....Sale price **24c**

MEN'S PANTS.

Men's Pants, good and serviceable working pants, well worth $1.25 and $1.50—go during....................this sale at **60c**
Men's Pants that are actually worth $2.00 to $2.50—go during..this sale at **1.24**
Men's Pants, Cheviots and Cassimeres, actually worth $3.00 and $3 50—go during....................this sale at **1.98**
Men's Pants, Tailor Made, nothing better, actually worth $4.50 and $5.00—go during....................this sale at **2.98**
One Lot of Jeans Pants that are actually worth $1.00 per pr., go...this sale at **50c**

KNEE PANTS.

A first class Knee Pants, double seat and knee, worth 50c........sale price at **15c**

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100 doz. Boys' Shirt Waists, laundered and unlaundered, value 35c to 50c....................sale price only **10c**

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Men's Overalls, with or without bibs, in good heavy blue denims, value 50c ....sale price **25c**

FURNISHING GOODS.

In this line we give you tremendous bargains—Men's Balbriggan Summer Undershirts and Drawers, well worth 35c ....go at **15c**
Men's Gauze, open work, colors, Undershirts and Drawers, worth 50c..go at **24c**
Men's French Balbriggan Underwear and Drawers, worth 75c and $1 00....................go at **35c**

COLLARS AND CUFFS.

Linen Collars in all styles and shapes, 15c and 20c kind................only **6c**
Celluloid Collars in all styles....................only **4c**
Linen Cuffs, the 15c and 20c kind....................only **9c**
Linen Cuffs, the 25c and 35c kind....................only **15c**
Celluloid Cuffs, go during this sale at....................only **9c**

SOCKS.

About 200 doz. Cotton Socks, the kind that usually sell at 10c and 15c per pair....................sale price **3c**
About 200 doz. Cotton Socks, the 20c and 25c kind..........sale price **9c**
About 200 doz. Best Quality Seamless, the 35c and 50c quality....go at pr. **15c**

NECKWEAR.

300 doz. Ties in Strings, Band, Bow and Tecke, well worth 35c and 50c, go during....................this sale at **15c**

HATS.

In this department a great variety at wonderful bargains.
Hats in Derby, Fedora, all newest styles, well worth $1.50 and $2.00..go at **75c**
Hats in Derby, Fedora, well worth $2 50 and $3 00 ....go at **$1.48**
Hats in Derby, Fedora, nothing better made, worth $3.50 and $4 00..go at **1.98**
One Lot of odds and ends in Stiff Hats, go during..........this sale at **10c**

CAPS.

250 doz. Men's and Boys' Golf, Yacht, Bicycle Caps, silk lined, worth 50c and 75c....................sale price **24c**
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A CURIOUS LEGEND.

Concerns a Piece of Gold One of the Wise Men Gave Christ.

The 6th of January was a marked day in the calendar of medieval times, for upon it fell the Feast of the Epiphany—the most popular of Christian festivals—Christmas day only excepted. All good churchmen know that the word Epiphany—meaning the "appearing"—has reference to the star which guided the "three wise men" to the cave-stable at Bethlehem, 12 days after the birth of the Holy Child.

Tradition says that they were three kings—their names, Melchior, Balthayar and Gaspar—the one an Arabian, a descendant of Shem; the second, an Egyptian, of the race of Ham, and the third, Japhet's representative—typical of the world-wide homage to be paid to the incarnate Jehovah.

"Three kings the King of Kings three gifts did bring." Melchior presented gold in recognition of the sovereignty of the Babe; Gaspar, frankincense, in acknowledgement of His divinity, and Balthayar, myrrh, as typical of His human life—destined to be so full of bitterness.

Of the gold offered by Melchior, there is, according to ancient legend, a very curious history. Originally coined by Terah, the father of Abraham, the money was given to him by his son, upon his departure from the land of the Chaldees. It is stated in the Koran—adopted from Mesopotamean traditions—that the patriarch was forced into exile on account of his monotheistic convictions, and because he would not engage in his father's business, which was the manufacture of idols of gold and silver. These idols were of the moon-god, "Sin"—whence the name of the highest mountain of that region—Sinai. The money given by Terah to Abraham was next used for the purchase of the Cave of Macpelah of Ephron the Hittite.

When Joseph's brethren sold him to the Ishmaelites they received these identical pieces of gold in payment—so runs the legend—which they afterward paid to Joseph, when driven, in time of famine, to buy corn in Egypt. Upon the death of Jacob, Joseph sent the money to the land of Sheba to buy spices, wherewith to embalm the body of his father, and they remained in the royal treasury until the queen of Sheba made her famous visit to Solomon, when, among other gifts, she presented the coins to that opulent monarch.

During the reign of Rhehoboam, Solomon's son, Shishak, king of Egypt, made a successful invasion into Judea, and despoiled the temple, whereupon he presented to his ally and companion in arms—the king of Arabia—the famous pieces of gold as his share of the plunder.

Nearly 1,000 years later Melchoir, the apocryphal successor of the Arabian monarch, brought them as a gift to "Him, that was called the King of the Jews."

It would seem that the ingenuity of our visionary archaeologists might be overtaxed to further connect the itinerant coins with the subsequent events of the New Testament—wherever money plays a part—but they stumble at nothing. The story goes on to say that in the hurry of the flight into Egypt the Virgin mother dropped the gold pieces in a field, where they were afterward found by a shepherd. Not daring to disclose his good fortune lest he be suspected of dishonesty and the money be taken from him, he kept it by him for many years. In his old age, being afflicted by an incurable disease, he besought the aid of the Christ, who healed him. As a thank-offering he carried his treasure to the temple and laid it upon the high altar. Thus falling into the hands of the high priest, the money was paid to Judas as the price of his treachery in the betrayal of his Master.

The fact that the reward agreed upon to be paid to Judas is spoken of as 30 pieces of silver seems to offer no difficulty. It is explained upon the ground that in the translation "silver" is used as the generic term for money—like "argent" in French.

When, tortured by remorse, Judas returned the money to the priests, they used it for the purchase of the "potter's field, to bury strangers in"—since which time all trace of the much-traveled money has been lost.—N. Y. Times.

AN UNEXPECTED REPROOF.

The Building Itself Was Not Open to Suspicion.

The tourist had paused to look at a large building surrounded by spacious lawns. Then he looked at a guide book with the air of a man who is in doubt. A neatly dressed man happened to be strolling near the gate and the tourist called to him and inquired:

"Is this the insane asylum?"

The other looked at him for a moment and then said:

"Have you reference to that large brick building in the background?"

"Certainly. I don't want to miss any points of interest, and this corresponds pretty closely to descriptions of the place."

"No," was the answer; "this isn't an insane asylum."

The tourist passed on and presently entered into conversation with a market man who was driving by. He turned back and, with some indignation, again addressed his first informant.

"I thought you said this isn't an insane asylum?"

"Yes. I said that."

"Have you any particular object in misleading me?"

"None whatever. As I happen to have a great deal of leisure, I pass some time in trying to avoid the looseness of speech so common among people who in most things are considered responsible. I am prepared to assure you, sir, that, while some of the inmates may be a trifle eccentric, the building itself is not open to the faintest suspicion of mental derangement."—Washington Star.

THE TALE OF AN OYSTER.

Some Oysters Have No Tails, But These Are Not That Kind.

"Speaking of gun flints reminds me of haystacks and bullfiddles," remarked a traveling salesman for a New York firm with a big trade all over this broad land of freedom, "but one of the oddest things I ever fell into and got safe out of without calling for the police or resorting to a life preserver occurred down in Harper's Ferry, which, notwithstanding half of the letters to summer visitors there are addressed by loving frends to either Harper's Ferry, Md., or Harper's Ferry, Va., is really in West Virginia and has been since 1863, though for 118 years previous to that date it was in Virginia.

"Oh, yes," he continued, in response to a query, "it's the same old place where John Brown dropped a cog in October, 1859, and less than six weeks later 'Old Gov. Wise put the specs upon his eyes and sent him to the happy land of Canaan,' in the words of the lyric poet. But you're getting me off the subject. What I wanted to talk about hasn't any politics in it.

"I got off a B. & O. train there once, when the level of the road was down to where the old bridge used to be and when there was a restaurant not far away which lived mostly on the floating trade. I knew the station agent, a mighty pious man by the name of Chambers (I suppose he's dead and used to living in Heaven by this time), and I asked Chambers, when the train stopped and had to stay there 30 minutes for something or other, if there was a place in the three states where I could get a bite of oyster meat. He pointed out the little restaurant and told me the restaurant man was a friend of his and he also served oysters in every style.

"That was enough for me and I toddled along that way and slipped in to see what there was to be had. The boss of the cookery was a man that stuttered and he was apparently a serious kind of a man besides, which all stuttering men are, more or less, I believe. He did not have the most inviting place I ever saw, but an oyster under certain circumstances is as as safe as an egg and I took hope.

"'Can't I get some oysters here?' I inquired.

"'Y-e-e-s, s-s-s-ir,' he answered.

"'In any style?'

"'Y-e-e-s. s-s-s-sir.'

"'Well, give me a half-dozen fried. Nicest you've got, please.'

"'Y-e e-s, s-s-sir,' and as he answered he turned toward a corner near his stove where on a shelf against the wall I saw a vessel in which for the first time I noticed a big black cat curled up fast asleep. Giving the vessel a shake good naturedly, and at the same time smiling at me, the cook stuttered:

"'S-e-e-e-e-at, Jim! Git out of the skillet. The gentleman wants a fry.'

"It was about the funniest performance I ever witnessed," concluded the drummer, "and I almost had a spasm, but somehow I couldn't feel that I had done the right thing unless I took the fry up to Chambers, and telling the restaurant man some kind of a lie to get him to put the oysters in a dish, I carried them to Chambers, who never knew the difference, of course, and thought I had eaten a dozen or two myself."—Detroit Free Press.

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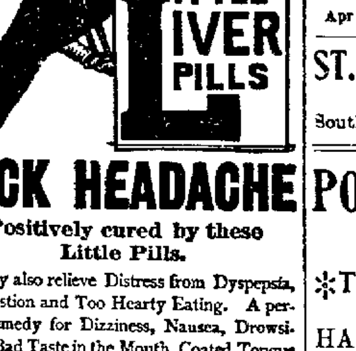

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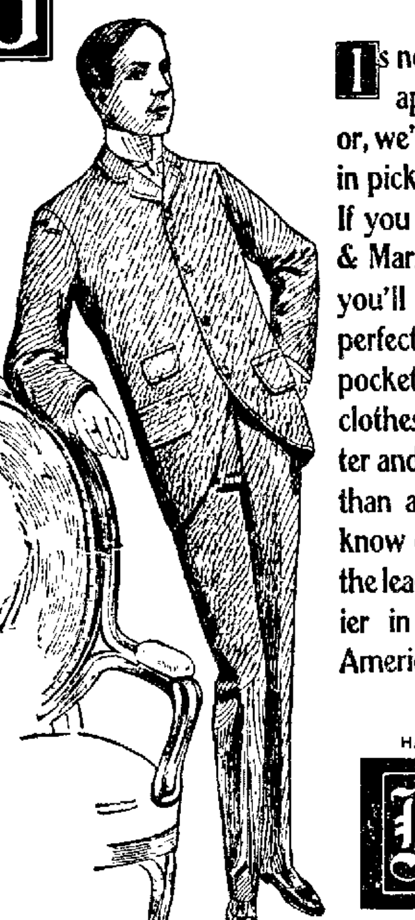

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CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY, }

In the Circuit Court of Macon County, Illinois Henrietta Rucker, John L. Rucker Emma L. Myers, James H. Myers, James E. Spangler, Alpha Spangler, Lois A. Camp, Hener Camp, Florence G. Baker, and —— Baker, Complainants vs. Ann E. Lichtenberger, Conrad H. Lichtenberger, John Stumpff, Sarah J. Stumpff, James E Stumpff, Daniel Spangler, Thomas Rams, James L. Nesbit, or the unknown heirs at law, devisees or legatees of the said James L. Nesbit, deceased, and Mary Wetzel, Defendants—Bill in Partition, No. 16708 May Term, 1898—In Chancery.

Affidavit of the nonresidence of the above named defendants, Daniel Spangler and James L. Nesbit, or if he be deceased the unknown heirs at law, legatees or devisees of the said James L. Nesbit, deceased, having been filed in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court of Macon County, Illinois, notice is hereby given to the above named defendants, Daniel Spangler and James L. Nesbit, or if he be deceased, the unknown heirs at law, legatees or devisees of the said James L. Nesbit, deceased, that the above named complainants have filed their bill of complaint in the said court on the chancery side thereof, on the 23rd day of March A. D. 1898 and that summons thereupon issued out of the office of the clerk of the said court against the said defendants returnable to the second Monday of May, A. D. 1898 as is by law required.

Now unless you, the said Daniel Spangler and James L. Nesbit, or if he be deceased, the unknown heirs at law, legatees or devisees of the said James L. Nesbit, deceased, and each of you, shall be and appear before the said Circuit Court of Macon County, Illinois, on the first day of the next term thereof to be holden at the court house in the City of Decatur, in said county, on the second Monday of May A. D. 1898, and plead answer or demur to the said complainants' bill of complaint and the matters and things therein charged and set forth the same shall be taken as confessed against you, and a decree entered against you in accordance with the prayer of said bill.

Dated this 2nd day of April, A. D 1898.
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CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss

In the Circuit Court of Macon County, Illinois.

Henrietta Rucker, John L. Rucker, Emma E. Myers, James H. Myers, James B. Spangler, Alpha Spangler, Lois A. Camp, Heber Camp, Florence G. Baker, and --- Baker, Complainants vs. Ann E. Lichtenberger, Conrad H. Lichtenberger, John Stumpff, Sarah J. Stumpff, James E. Stumpff, Daniel Spangler, Thomas Binns, James L. Nesbit, or the unknown heirs at law, devisees or legatees of the said James L. Nesbit, deceased, and Mary Wetzel, Defendants.--Bill in Partition, No. 16708, May Term, 1898--In Chancery.

Affidavit of the nonresidence of the above named defendants, Daniel Spangler and James L. Nesbit, or if he be deceased the unknown heirs at law, legatees or devisees of the said James L. Nesbit, deceased, having been filed in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court of Macon County, Illinois, notice is hereby given to the above named defendants, Daniel Spangler and James L. Nesbit, or if he be deceased, the unknown heirs at law, legatees or devisees of the said James L. Nesbit, deceased, that the above named complainants have filed their bill of complaint in the said court on the chancery side thereof, on the 23rd day of March, A. D. 1898 and that summons thereupon issued out of the office of the clerk of the said court against the said defendants returnable to the second Monday of May, A. D. 1898, as is by law required.

Now unless you, the said Daniel Spangler and James L. Nesbit, or if he be deceased, the unknown heirs at law, legatees or devisees of the said James L. Nesbit, deceased, and each of you, shall be and appear before the said Circuit Court of Macon County, Illinois, on the first day of the next term thereof to be holden at the court house in the City of Decatur, in said county, on the second Monday of May A. D. 1898, and plead answer or demur to the said complainants' bill of complaint and the matters and things therein charged and set forth the same shall be taken as confessed against you, and a decree entered against you in accordance with the prayer of said bill.

Dated this 2nd day of April, A. D. 1898.

D. L. Foster, Circuit Clerk.

Leforgee & Lee, Solicitors for Complainants.

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Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor.

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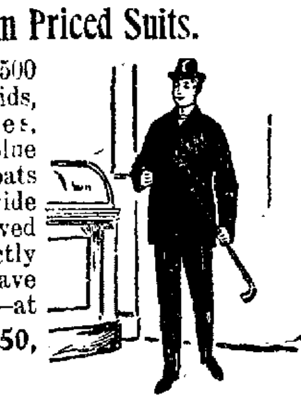

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If you want the Best Values; if you want the Newest Styles, and want to see the largest assortment you must see our Boys' Suits this season.

Boys' 3-Piece Suits, ages 3 to 7--Vestee style--from $1.50 to $6.50.

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Executrix' Notice.

Estate of William Bowers, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executrix of the estate of William Bowers, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the May term, on the first Monday in May next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 12th day of March, 1898

E. A. BOWERS, Executrix.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the Circuit Court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of John A. Dawson, assignee of the estate of Lewis B. Casner, and against Clara E. Walker nee Eyman, I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: Lot four (4,) Block three (3,) of Kaufman's addition to the City of Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, taken as property of the said Clara E. Walker nee Eyman, which I shall offer at public sale at the north door of the court house in Decatur, in Macon county, in said state, on the 5th day of April, A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for cash in hand, to satisfy said execution.

This 10th day of March, A. D. 1898.

J. P. NICHOLSON, Sheriff Macon County, Illinois.

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Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Charles L. Griswold, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Charles L. Griswold, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 29th day of January, 1898.

CHARLES L. GRISWOLD, JR., Administrator.

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Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Isaac M. Lowe, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Isaac M. Lowe, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the June term, on the first Monday in June next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 8th day of April, 1898.

JAMES H. RECORD, Administrator.

April 8-d3w

Final Settlement Notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss In the County Court.

April Term, 1898.

In the matter of the estate of Jacob K. Harry deceased.

To whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that I have this day filed in said court a final report of my acts and doings as the administrator of said estate, and that I will, on the 23d day of April, A. D. 1898, at the hour of 9 a. m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, present the same to the court for his approval and ask to be discharged from further liability in said estate, at which time and place you can be present and take such action as you may deem best.

ANDREW H. MILLS, Administrator.

Decatur, Ill., April 7, 1898. 8 d2w

A little boy asked for a bottle of "get up in the morning as fast as you can," the druggist recognized a household name for "DeWitt's Little Early Risers," and gave him a bottle of those famous little pills for constipation, liver and stomach troubles. H. W. Bell.

ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that on TUESDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF APRIL, 1898, next, at

Voting Precinct Number One, in the First ward, at Number 436 E. North street, known as Street Car Barn.

Voting Precinct Number Two, in the First ward, at Number 2 4 Wabash avenue, known as Albert's Feed Store.

Voting Precinct Number One, in the Second ward, at Number 347 North Main street, known as Waltz Building.

Voting Precinct Number Two, in the Second ward, at the rear of Number 747 West Prairie avenue, known as R. R. Montgomery's Barn

Voting Precinct Number One, in the Third ward, at Number --- S. Monroe street, known as Newell's Building.

Voting Precinct Number Two, in the Third ward, at 201 West Wood street, known as Doake's Barn.

Voting Precinct Number Three, in the Third ward, at Number --- Siegel street, known as Dodd's Store.

Voting Precinct Number One, in Fourth ward, Council Rooms.

Voting Precinct Number Two, in the Fourth ward, at Number --- South Webster street, known as Jacobs' Store.

Voting Precinct Number One, in the Fifth ward, at Number 903 East Eldorado street, known as Kraft's Bottling Works.

Voting Precinct Number Two, in the Fifth ward, at Number 827 N. Calhoun street, known as Witt's Building.

Voting Precinct Number One, in the Sixth ward, at Number 1100 N. Water street, known as Potts' Store.

Voting Precinct Number Two, in the Sixth ward, at Number --- N. Water street, known as Fulton's Grocery Store.

Voting Precinct Number Three, in the Sixth ward, at Number --- North Calhoun street, known as Knapp's grocery store.

Voting Precinct Number One, in the Seventh ward, at Number 1173 N. Church street, known as Masterson's blacksmith shop

Voting Precinct Number Two, in the Seventh ward, at Number ---, West Green street, known as Hendricks' carpenter shop—

In the City of Decatur, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois, an election will be held for

One alderman in the First ward for two years.

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One alderman in the Fifth ward for two years

One alderman in the Sixth ward for two years.

One alderman in the Seventh ward for two years.

Which election will be opened at seven o'clock in the morning, and shall be closed at five o'clock in the evening of that day.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 30th day of March, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Eight.

JOHN A. REEVE, City Clerk.

March 30-dtd

ILLINOIS CENTRAL EXCURSIONS.

One way settlers' rates to points south and southeast. Tickets on sale the 1st and 3d Tuesdays of each month.

Winter tourist rates to points south are now on. Final limit of June 1st, 1898.

For information or tickets write or call on W. L. Smith, Union Depot, or T. Pentwell, 121 E. William street, Decatur, Ill.

Homeseekers' Excursions on Illinois Central.

On April 5th and 19th the I. C. will sell Homeseeker Excursion tickets to following territory: Points in Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Indian Territory, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma Territory, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. These tickets are good 21 days from date of sale and liberal stop-over privileges will be granted on going trip beyond first homeseeker excursion point on terminal line. Rate will be one fare plus $2.00 for the round trip. Tickets on sale at City office, 121 E. William street or Union Depot.

At a recent western wedding the wedding march was whistled by 12 girl friends of the bride.

A torpid liver robs you of ambition and ruins your health. DeWitt's Little Early Risers cleanse the liver, cure constipation and all stomach and liver troubles. H. W. Bell.

THE AGONY OF FULL DRESS.

Effect of Evening Clothes Upon the Actions of the Wearer.

There's all the difference in the world between a dressed-up person and one who is well dressed. It used to be the fashion for men, women and children to dress up; that is, put on their "best Sunday go-to-meetin' clothes," as provincial people down south call them. But that day has passed, and it is now the thing to be well dressed. The well-dressed man and woman look as if their good clothes belonged to them, while the dressed-up individual always has the air of belonging to his clothes. You can spot a dressed-up person anywhere, particularly in a woman. She smoothes her gloves as one smoothes a desirable new acquaintance; she pats the fluffs and frills and folds of her gown as one pats a child whom he would know better, and she tugs at her hat and peeps at her shining boots as if she feared they would run away from her. A well-dressed woman never does any of these things. She is unconscious of her fine attire, because she is used to it. Men aren't a whit behind women in this matter, so the women all say. They declare that a dressed-up man looks even more awkward than a dressed-up woman.

"Why, what do you think a man said to me the other day?" exclaimed a pretty woman to a group of friends. "When I asked him to stop and dine with us on his way to a swell reception he answered: 'Oh, I should like very much, but I can't for I'll have on my dress suit.'

"'I thought a dress suit was the proper thing for a man to wear when invited out to dine,' I remarked, quite humbly, 'and I'm sorry you can't come, because I've invited a charming girl here that evening, whom I'm anxious for you to meet.'

"'I'll tell you what let's do,' he said, with a great show of enthusiasm. 'Let's all wear full dress, and see how we shall act and feel.'

"'Act and feel!' I fairly yelled. 'Do you feel different when you wear a swallowtail coat, and act differently?'

"'Yes,' he said. 'You know perfectly well that both men and women are to a certain degree artificial when in full dress, and I should like to study this friend of yours that way, and then see what she is like in a street gown. I'd like to compare my impressions of her.'

"'Agreed,' I answered, and I thought to myself: 'That girl will give you an impression you won't forget soon.' I told her what he had said, and she was immensely amused. 'I'll impress him,' she remarked, and I asked no questions, but awaited developments. The night came, and you can imagine how curious I was to see how my friends would conduct themselves. The man was very dignified, much more so than usual, spoke more deliberately than common and gave me the impression that he had just come from a laundry, stiff, starched and carefully ironed. The girl—well, I thought I should sink under the table. I never saw such airs as she gave herself. She rolled her r's and her eyes, used a broad 'a' that would have made a bespectacled Boston schoolma'am wince, and was conventionality itself. After dinner a change came over her. As soon as we were all seated in my den she began to fire sofa pillows at the man, to say all sorts of unconventional things; in short, she uncorked herself, and was her own, bright, fresh, natural self a trifle exaggerated. The man gasped at first, but he met her quips and quirks in the spirit that sent them. Next she looked as pious as a nun, and began to tell of how she was trying to develop her spiritual side. Her magnetism was such that in an instant he was all ears listening to her theories about the scientific basis of happiness. Just when he was beginning to think her more angel than woman she broke into the merriest laugh, and said: 'Mr. Swallowtail, how do I impress you in full dress. What do you think you'll think of me in street dress?' He knew in an instant that we'd put up a game on him, as he expressed it, but he remarked, as he took his leave: 'All the same, people do feel and act differently in evening clothes.'"

And he was right, but only half way right. Some persons do look and act differently in evening clothes or fine clothes. They are persons with whom care in dress is not a necessary part and expression of a refined nature; they dress solely to win consideration, and they are the dressed-up persons, not the well-dressed ones. Dressed-up men and women are going out of fashion. No matter how limited a man's or woman's income, he or she can always be well dressed, and their clothes won't affect their minds or their manners, either.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Valuable Pottery.

An interesting story is told of Lady Helen de Hangest-Genlis, who started a small pottery on her estate, Chateau of Oiron, about 1524. In this factory she made the famous Faience d'Oiron. She was a widow, cultured and very artistic. A collection of her crayon portraits is said to have been preserved, but it was in the manufacture of china that she made a name for herself. Not more than 50 pieces of Faience d'Oiron are now known to be in existence. All of them are small, but of surpassing beauty. They are supposed to have been made as gifts for friends. They have an inlaid ornament of interlacing bands or scrolls, arabesques and geometrical forms of tinted clays, yellow and brown, relieved with soft colors on a cream white ground, forming a smooth surface and covered with a soft glaze.—Art Amateur.

Smokeless Coal Found.

A resident of Summerville, Pa., has discovered a new variety of coal in a ledge of rocks on his farm. It is of a brownish color and emits no smoke when burned. The discoverer says a fire of this coal may be built in the center of a room and not a particle of smoke will be emitted from it.—Chicago Tribune.

People's Column.

Advertisements of Forty words or less may be inserted in this column at the rate of 25 cents per week, payable invariably in advance

For Sale. For Rent. Wanted, Etc.

WANTED.

WANTED—500 horses to shoe at from 90c up to $1.00 for 4 new shoes, at 124 W. Prairie avenue, Decatur, Ill. T. L. WEAKLY, Prop. April 4-dtf

WANTED—You to give us your orders for carpets to clean and feathers to renovate. Work called for and delivered free. Satisfaction guaranteed. Place of business, 630 Wabash ave., telephone 667. HAYES & ANTHONY. oct13-dtf.

WANTED—Paper hanging. With 25 years' experience I am prepared to give prompt attention to all orders from all parts of the city. Prices reasonable and all work guaranteed. New Telephone 306. D. M. SMITH, West end Pugh street car line. Feb 19-dtf

AGENTS WANTED—For War in Cuba, by Senor Quesada, Cuban representative at Washington. Endorsed by Cuban patriots. In tremendous demand. A bonanza for agents. Only $1.50. Big book. Big commissions. Everybody wants the only endorsed reliable book. Outfits free. Credit given. Freight paid. Drop all trash, and make $300 a month with War in Cuba. Address today THE NATIONAL BOOK CONCERN, 352-356, Dearborn st., Chicago. Feb. 25-d4m

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Six different tracts of Hale land, never before offered. Lands are in Macon, Piatt and Champaign. Part of the famous Hale section in Long Creek is offered. S. S. JACK, Decatur, Ill. 4-16 wt*

FOR SALE—Four room house, pantry and closets. East Lake finish; newly papered; will sell at a sacrifice. Call at No. 1760 North Clinton street; new 'phone 165.—27-tf

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—A few fine office rooms in Loeb's Temple Block, 251 N. Water street. Good elevator service day and night. Apply to RACE & PAYNE, Agents, Room 15, in the building. 4-d6

ROOMS TO RENT—For light housekeeping; furnished or unfurnished. Small garden spot and chance to raise chickens. No children preferred. Call at 2222 North Edward street. 4-d6*

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LOANS... Rooms Nos. 1 and 2, 137 North Water street. LOW RATES. May 20-dtf GEO. W. EHRHART.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—A pair of side elastics, blue, with sterling buckles, between Bradley Bros.' and the court house. Finder will please return to Bradley Bros.' store and receive reward. April 4-d6*

LOST—Pocketbook containing a bill and some change. Was dropped just inside the west entrance of Millikin's bank. Finder please leave it at Millikin's bank and receive reward. Three responsible men saw it picked up. MRS. S. C. DAVIS. 30-d6

MISCELLANEOUS.

MISS NESBITT, Practical Optician, 225 North Main street, carries a full and up to-date line of all the latest Improved Optical Goods at prices that defy competition. Also a line of heavy weight Spectacle Frames. Eyes tested free. April 8 d2w*

FINDER of man's scarf-pin, lost on West William street or in the Fenton Block, will be rewarded by leaving same at Room No. 1 over Citizens' National Bank. 5 d3

WILL teach Art Embroidery at my home, 531 West William street, on Monday and Tuesday evenings of each week, and Thursday and Friday afternoons from 2 to 5 o'clock. No charge for lessons. MRS. R. W. CHILSON. March 29-d6*

DON'T store your household goods, pianos, stoves, boxes, etc., in any old place until you have inspected W. M. Harpstrite's transfer and storage warehouse at No. 730-734 East Cerro Gordo street. Old Telephone 84. March 25-d2w

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IF you need a set of De Vinne Price Markers or Rubber Cushion stamp, plain or ornamental, supplies or anything in the Commercial Stamp line, order of J. M. Myers, proprietor of the Decatur Rubber Stamp Works, 301 S. Church street, Citizens' Phone, 117, Decatur, Ill. mar 1-dtf

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CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss

In the Circuit Court of Macon County, to May Term, A. D. 1898.

Minnie Nelson vs. William D. Nelson—In Chancery.

Notice is hereby given to the said William D. Nelson, defendant, that the above named complainant, Minnie Nelson, has heretofore filed her bill of complaint in said court on the chancery side thereof and that a summons thereupon issued out of said court against you the above named defendant, returnable on the first day of the next May term of said court, to be held at the court house of said county, at Decatur in said county, on the second Monday in the month of May, A. D. 1898, as by law required and which suit is still pending.

D. L. FOSTER, Clerk.

Wm. T. Cussins, Complainant's Sol

mar 30 d4w

Legal Advs.

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY } ss

In the Circuit Court of Macon County, May Term, A. D. 1898.

Priscilla A. Orr vs. Mary Giblin—In Chancery.

Affidavit that the residence of the defendant, Mary Giblin, is unknown to affiant, and that affiant has made diligent inquiry to learn the place of residence of the said defendant and has been unable to ascertain the same, having been filed in the office of the clerk of said Macon county, notice is hereby given to the said Mary Giblin that the complainant filed her bill of complaint in said court, on the chancery side thereof, on the 24th day of February, A. D. 1898, and that a summons thereupon issued out of said court against said defendant, Mary Giblin, returnable on the 9th day of May next, 1898, as is by law required.

Now, unless you, the said Mary Giblin, shall personally be and appear before said circuit court of Macon county, on the first day of the next term thereof, to be holden in Decatur, in said county, on the 9th day of May, 1898, and plead, answer or demur to the said complainant's bill of complaint, the same, and the matters and things therein charged and stated, will be taken as confessed and a decree entered against you, according to the prayer of said bill.

D. L. FOSTER, Clerk.

Benedict & Dixon and Edward Wilson, Complainant's Sol. | March 12 d4w

Administrator's Sale of Real Estate.

Public notice is hereby given that I will sell at public vendue on the 27th day of April, 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the north door of the court house in the City of Decatur, Illinois, the following real estate, to-wit: Lot three (3) of the south half of section thirty-six (36), township sixteen (16) north, range three (3) east of the third principal meridian, according to the plat accompanying the report of the commissioners in the partition of the estate of Jacob Myers, deceased, as recorded in the circuit court record "31," page 364, containing 89 acres, also commencing 5.50 chains south and 5.08 chains west of the northeast corner of section one (1), township fifteen (15) north, range three (3) east of the third principal meridian, thence south 11.24 chains, thence west 22.27 chains, thence north 11.22 chains, thence east 22.27 chains to the place of beginning, containing 25 acres more or less, also, commencing at the southeast corner of lot three (3) in the northeast quarter of section one (1), township fifteen (15) north, range three (3) east of the third principal meridian, thence west 5.08 chains, thence north 32 chains, thence east 5.08 chains, thence south 32 chains to the place of beginning, except 8 7/10 acres off of the south end thereof, leaving 7 50 acres; also 12 acres off of the east end of 22 acres off the entire north side of lot three in the northeast quarter of said section one (1), township and range as aforesaid; also, commencing at a point 12 72 chains east of the northwest corner of lot three (3), in section one (1), township and range aforesaid, thence east 5.46 chains, thence south 5 50 chains, thence west 5 46 chains, thence north 5,50 chains to beginning. Situate in the county of Macon, state of Illinois, and containing in all 135.50 acres. All free from incumbrance and dower and homestead.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of purchase price cash in hand on day of sale, the remainder to be paid in two equal payments, the first being due and payable six months after the day of sale, and the last payment due and payable one year after the day of sale; deferred payments to be secured by mortgage on said property and by notes with good personal security to draw interest at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, or the whole of the purchase price may be paid on the day of sale, at the option of the purchaser.

ROBERT TAYLOR, Administrator of the Estate of John A. Myers, Deceased

March 15-dtd

Administrator's Notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } SS.

In the County Court of Macon County, Illinois, at the February Term, A. D. 1898.

Albert H. Cope, administrator of the estate of Carissa Devore, deceased, vs. Virgil Devore, Fedelia Devore, Mary Cleghorn, Benjamin Cleghorn, Eliza Brewer, Jasper Brewer, Jasper Wilson, Clara Wilson, George Wilson, Nellie Wilson, Harriet Walsh, James Walsh, George Wilson and Jane Wilson,—Petition to sell real estate to pay debts and assign dower and homestead.

Public notice is hereby given that I will on Saturday, the 2d of April, A. D. 1898, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, county of Macon and State of Illinois, between the hours of ten (10) o'clock a. m. and five (5) o'clock p. m. of said day beginning at two (2) o'clock p. m., by virtue of an order of the said court entered at the February Term A. D. 1898 thereof, sell at public vendue to the highest and best bidder the following described real estate, to-wit: Forty-eight (48) feet off of the east end of the following described land, to-wit. Commencing at the center of the north line of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section number sixteen (16), township number sixteen (16) north, range two (2) east of the Third Principal Meridian, thence south two (2) chains, thence west five (5) chains, thence north two (2) chains to the forty (40) acre line, thence east five (5) chains to the place of beginning, situate in Macon county, Illinois.

The terms of the said sale to be cash in hand on day of sale.

ALBERT H. COPE, Administrator of the Estate of Clarissa DeVore, Deceased. m5-d4w

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, Macon County, } ss.

In the Circuit Court of said County and State, to the May Term, A. D. 1898

Daniel Knotts vs. Robert Hunter, Sophronia Hunter, George Hunter, Ida Hunter, R. B. Nicholson and Emma L. Biller.

Affidavit that Robert Hunter and Sophronia Hunter, two of the above named defendants, are not nor is either of them residents of the State of Illinois, having been filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of said county in said cause notice is hereby given to the said Robert Hunter and Sophronia Hunter that Daniel Knotts, the above named complainant, heretofore filed his bill of complaint, to foreclose a mortgage, etc., in the circuit court of said county, which suit is still pending, and that a summons thereupon issued out of said court against all of the above named defendants, returnable on the first day of the next May term of said court, to be held at the court house in the city of Decatur, in said county and State, on the second Monday in the month of May, 1898.

Now unless you, the said Robert Hunter and Sophronia Hunter shall be and appear before the said court on the first day of the said term, and plead, answer or demur to said bill of complaint, the same will be taken as confessed and a decree rendered against you according to the prayer thereof.

Dated this 5th day of April, A. D. 1898.

apr 5-d4w D. L. FOSTER, Clerk.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of William P. Gibson, Deceased.

The undersigned acting as administrator of the estate of William P. Gibson, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the June term, on the first Monday in June next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 5th day of April, 1898.

STANLEY TUCKER, Administrator.

April 6-d3w

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that William R. Abbott and D. Holmes Cloyd, partners in the firm name of W. R. Abbott & Co., of the City of Decatur, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois, did, on the 2d day of March, A. D. 1898, transfer to the undersigned all of their property for the benefit of their creditors, except such as is allowed them under the exemption laws of the State of Illinois, according to the provisions of an act concerning voluntary assignments.

All persons having claims against the said William R. Abbott and D. Holmes Cloyd, partners as aforesaid, are hereby notified to present the same, under oath or affirmation, to the undersigned at the City of Decatur, within three months from the date hereof.

Dated this 5th day of March, A. D. 1898.

MICHAEL F. KANAN, Assignee.

March 5-d6w

It is a great leap from the old fashioned doses of blue mass and nauseous physics to the pleasant little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They cure constipation, sick headache and biliousness. H. W. Bell.

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Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. june 22-dtf

Smoke the Little J 5 cent cigar, guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.

A phonograph establishment is moving into she vacant store room in the Gallagher block.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's, corner of Wood and Main streets, for fine and medium grade buggies, surreys, phaetons, road wagons, roadcarts, spring wagons, farm wagons.—m1-d&wtf

A full and complete line of Easter hats at Mrs. R. C. Hamsher's, 131 North Water street.

The Epworth League convention of Decatur district will convene in Latham in June.

Do you want plastering done. If so telephone 528, new 'phone. Decatur Hard Plaster Co. Perry & Oren.—5-dtf

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for wood pumps, iron lift pumps, force pumps, chain pumps and pump repairing.—Mar. 1-d&wtf.

Denz—the Leading Tailor.—apr6-dtf

The Patriotic Order of Daughters of America will give a graphaphone entertainment at the hall of the P. O. S. of A. over Grout's hardware store on North Main street Thursday night, April 7.—4-4t

Rev. A. M. Danely will preach at Elwin on Sabbath next at 10:30 a. m. and at Blue Mound chapel at 3 p. m. At 7 p. m. he will lecture at the chapel under the auspices of the Epworth League. Special music will be prepared for the evening service. The League extends a cordial welcome to the public.

Addressed a Small Audience.

E. J. Smith, general organizer of the Cigarmakers' union, delivered an address last night at the circuit court room before a small audience. There were not more than 30 persons present. Mr. Smith is an able speaker and his talk was well received by those who heard it. He spoke on the history of the labor movement.

At St. Patrick's Church.

Good Friday services were held today at St. Patrick's Catholic church. There was a service at 8 o'clock this morning conducted by Rev. Father Brady and this evening at 7:30 o'clock there will be adoration of the cross. Services will be held tomorrow beginning at 7 o'clock in the morning.

M. A. F. U. Will Entertain.

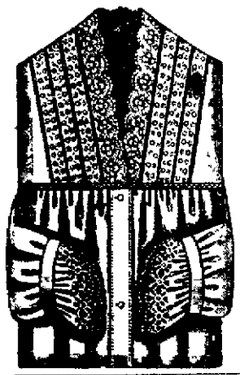
At the meeting of the Modern American Fraternal union last night it was decided to hold an informal reception for members and their friends and give an entertainment at the next meeting, which will be held on April 21. Refreshments will be served.

Arrived Yesterday.

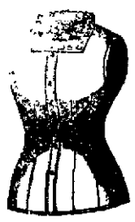
Our fresh stock of garden seeds, everything in that line can be had at Leon & Morris' store, 188 East Wood street.—15-dtf

SALE

Muslin Underwear.



We have just received two cases MUSLIN UNDERWEAR, which we will offer at very close prices. Don't miss this sale, as we can save you some money.



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We are now busy all the time in this department—if you need a perfect fitting up-to-date Corset see us.

Have a very large line BLACK SKIRTS at--

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SALE FOR ONE WEEK.

DECATUR SOLDIERS

Who Would Serve if War is Declared.

CITY WELL REPRESENTED

In the State Militia—Besides the Members of Company H There are a Number of Officers of Regiment.

It is believed by those who are in a position to know that if war is declared the Illinois National Guard would at once be called out and in that event there would be quite a number of men from Decatur belonging to the militia who would be called upon to give service. Company H is made up of men living this city and in addition to the members of the company there are a number of others in Decatur who are staff or line officers in the Fifth regiment. If the militia should be called out the members of the local company could be brought together on very short notice. The addresses of all the men are kept by the officers and it would require but a very few hours to bring them together ready for actual service. The men connected with the company watch with great interest the turn the national events take each day as they feel that if a war takes place they will be the first to be called to the front.

To thoroughly understand the relations of the Decatur men to the militia it is necessary to know something of the organization of the state troops. Governor Tanner is commander-in-chief of the militia of the state and they are subject to his call, but according to the law of the country the governor is required to turn his troops over to the president when the latter calls for them. The practical commander of the Illinois troops is Adjutant General Reece, and all orders are issued from or through him. There are three brigades in the state and each is commanded by a brigadier general. The Fifth regiment is a part of the second brigade, which is commanded by Brigadier General Barkley. The commander of the Fifth regiment is Col. J. E. Culver, a Springfield man, and a brother of J. H. Culver of this city. The regiment is made up of men from Decatur, Jacksonville, Springfield and other smaller towns in this part of the state, the Decatur men forming simply one company of the regiment. There are several other men in Decatur outside of the company who belong to the regiment, but have no immediate connection with Company H. Next to Col. Culver in rank is Lieutenant Colonel Frank Wells, who lives in Decatur. There are three battalions in the regiment and one of these is commanded by Major Colladay, also of this city. Among the staff officers is the surgeon of the regiment, Dr. Keeley of Dwight, who is well known in this city The first assistant surgeon of the regiment is a Decatur man, Dr. James L Bevans, who has the rank of captain. The second assistant is Dr. Ames and the third assistant surgeon, Dr. Dinsmore of Jacksonville. In times of war there are with each regiment four hospital stewards, who are pharmacists and who oversee the hospital corps of 12 privates. In times of peace there is but one hospital steward and this appointment in the Fifth regiment will probably go to Will Housum, another Decatur man. His name is now being considered and his appointment is expected in a few days. There are a number of other officers on the colonel's staff, including chaplain, quartermaster, signal officer, etc. Another Decatur man who would be connected with the militia in case they are called out is Lieutenant Arthur Gallagher, now of Springfield, who would be on the brigade staff. In the event of war Decatur would be well represented in the state militia by both officers and men.

Entertained Sunday School Classes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Shellabarger of West Main street last evening entertained the Sunday school classes taught by Mrs. J. E. King and Mrs. A. W. Conklin in the Grace M. E. Sunday school. The evening was most delightfully spent. A short musical program was given and supper was served.

Easter Bargains in Shoe Comfort.

Half the fun of walking is in having comfortable shoes, and comfortable shoes are the result of wise shoe selection. "A word to the wise is sufficient." Try

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Homeward Bound.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shlaudeman have received word that they will be home in about one month from their European trip.

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THE A. AND L. DIVISION.

Plans Discussed for the Work of the Coming Year—Social Session.

At the meeting of the Art and Literature division of the Woman's club on Thursday afternoon the regular program was dispensed with and an informal reception was held for the members who have recently come into the division. The plans for the work for the coming year were also discussed. During the afternoon Mrs. H. C. Johns read a letter from her daughter, Mrs. Moore, who is with her husband, Lieutenant C. B Moore, at Port Royal, N.C. Piano selections were given by Miss Frances Cake and several vocal sleections by Miss Josephine Laux. In discussing the plan for the work for the coming year it was generally agreed that more time should be devoted to the study of literature and less to art. Heretofore an hour has been given to each study at each meeting but the members believe it to be the better plan to study but one of them at a time. The plan most favored was to have special art days and to give the time which has been devoted to the review of current magazines to the third Thursday of each month of the study of art subjects. Since the division has been organized the members have been well schooled in the history of art and it is believed that next year modern art topics can be studied and discussed without giving as much time as formerly to the work The standard works in literature will be given more study this year and the author studied with his productions. In this way one author will be studied at a time and the class will become familiar with his personality as well as his works.

A committee composed of Mrs. George D. Haworth, Mrs. B. Bradley, Mrs. J. M. Maris, Mrs. S. M. Lutz, Miss Gale and Miss Freeman were appointed to further the plans of the division as suggested in the discussion of the afternoon and to see each member personally and consult with her regarding her views on the subject.

After the work of the afternoon refreshments were served in the dining room. The tables were handsomely decorated with easter lilies and other flowers and the luncheon proved one of the most delightful features of the afternoon.

EASTER FLOWERS.

Are Plentiful and the Prices are More Reasonable Than Ever.

A large variety of flowers are offered for sale for Easter decorations and the prices this year are quite reasonable. Pearl roses sell for $1 a dozen and Meteor, Bride and Maid roses sell for $1.50 per dozen. American Beauties are rather scarce and sell for $2 50 a dozen. Carnations of all kinds are offered for 50 cents and 75 cents per dozen, hyacinths for 75 cents and dafodills 50 cents. Smilax costs 25 cents a bunch. There is also a large variety of potted plants. Hyacinths and other plants sell for 15 and 20 cents.

Knights Templar Service.

Following their custom the members of Beaumanoir Commandery Knights Templar will attend Easter services in a body on Sunday morning. The services will be held at the Presbyterian church at 10:45 o clock and the sermon will be delivered by Sir Knight W. H. Penhallegon. The church will be prettily decorated for the occasion and music appropriate to the day will be rendered.

Traveling Men, Attention.

All members of the local branch of the T. P. A. are requested to meet at the office of Bixby & Pitner in the Powers building at 8 o'clock Saturday evening. The business before the meeting will be that of completing preparations for the state convention, which is to be held in the city on the 23d of the month.

Streets were Cleaned.

Last night Street Superintendent Williams had a force of men out cleaning the paved streets in the business portion of the city. The sweeper was run over them and this morning they were in a fine condition. Mr. Williams expects to have the streets swept about once a week. The mud had been taken off most all of the streets and they are now in a good condition.

Destroyed His Spanish Flag.

J. H. LaPearl, whose circus will open the season here April 22, is again up to date. This time he caught the spirit of the times and has destroyed his Spanish flag. His custom has been to fly the flags of all nations, but the Dons have got beyond being recognized by such first class Americans. A large and handsome flag, the emblem of the Cuban republic, will take its place.

Missionary Sale.

The Mission Band of the College street chapel will hold an all day sale at Heilman's grocery store beginning at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Eatables, Easter eggs of a variety of hues, etc., will be sold and the proceeds will be directed to the benefit of the home and foreign missionary cause.

Class of '97.

The members of the class of '97, D. H. S., are requested to meet in room 1 of the Decatur High school at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, March 18, 1898. Business of importance will be transacted. Chas. M. Steele, Secretary Class of '97 D. H. S.

GOING AWAY.

Rev. A. M. Danely Elected President at Quincy.

CHADDOCK COLLEGE'S GAIN.

An Old Methodist Institution—New President Will Take Full Charge in a Few Weeks—Will Reside at the Mansion

Rev A. M Danely returned last evening from Quincy where he went to consult with the trustees of Chaddock College regarding their appointment of him to the presidency of the college This offer was made to Rev Danely about one month ago and as it was entirely without his knowledge or seeking he has found it necessary to take some time to consider the offer before making a definite decision regarding it. Rev. Danely was elected at the meeting of the trustees Thursday, to serve as president for five years and has decided to accept the presidency of the college. The college is now under the control of the Methodist church and is one of the oldest schools in the state The main building was built by ex Governor Wood of Illinois and cost originally $104,000. It is built of stone and marble and is a beautiful and imposing building A new dormitory has recently been added which has all the modern conveniences and will accommodate about 50 students The campus is one of the finest in the United States. In it there are growing species of every tree found in this climate and the entire grounds are well kept extensive and beautiful.

Rev. Danely will continue in charge of his work on the Methodist circuit for the present, but will go to Quincy in about three weeks to make out the catalogue for the coming year and will go again in June to deliver the sermon at commencement He has not yet decided as to the faculty but will retain the services of the present teachers in elocution and Latin The musical department is one of the strong features of the school and Rev Danely will advance this department as far as possible obtaining the best talent and instructors to be found.

Rev. Danely will remove with his family to the handsome home of the college president some time in September and will be ready to take up the work of the new term.

Grocers Take a Hand.

The members of the Retail Grocers' Association held a meeting last night. There was a large attendance and business of importance was transacted Grocers from each ward of the city were asked to be present. The question of licensing peddlers was discussed and the members of the association will make an effort to have the license ordinance passed by the council. The members have decided not to vote for any candidate for alderman who is not in favor of the ordinance and they will work hard to secure its passage Committees in each ward have been appointed to confer with the candidates and ascertain whether or not they are in favor of the ordinance and they will all report at a special meeting to be held next Wednesday evening.

A New Manager.

In Chicago last night Lewis Morrison the actor, signed a contract with Mr Murray of Chicago to appear during the coming theatrical year under his management. He has a production of Faust in view, and also intends to play "Frederick the Great."

St. John's Church.

The members of the vestry of St. John's Episcopal church will meet tonight for the purpose of discussing church affairs in general. Next week her will be a called meeting of the congregation for conference with the vestry as to the future.

Meeting Postponed.

The meeting of the educational committee of the Y. M. C. A., which was to have been held last evening, was postponed until 4 o'clock this afternoon The members of the committee will arrange for the lecture course next season

Men's Meeting.

Rev. Henry Lunn will lead the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Sunday afternoon.

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An Armistice Now--C

THE GUNS WILL BO

And Then the United Stat Power in Naval Engagem Humanity and Justic Patriots--Exciti

Washington, April 9.—There are reports that the queen regent would sign a decree declaring an armistice in Cuba, followed by Cuban independence, but there has been no confirmatory information received here. Even were an armistice proclaimed by Spain, their authority for the statement would not change the purpose of the administration to force matters to an immediate issue. An armistice at this time, it is said, would not result in the postponement of contemplated action even.

WHAT WILL BE DONE.

The indications, it is said, are that the resolution authorizing the president to intervene in behalf of Cuba will not embody any declaration recognizing the independence of the island, but if such action is desired by a majority of each house it will be made the subject of a separate resolution to be introduced later. This conclusion has been arrived at, it is said, in deference to the wishes of the president.

SPAIN'S POSITION.

It is learned at one of the embassies that Spain has under very earnest consid-

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They Will Leave Ha ing for Key Wes

Havana, April 9.—All is quiet. Consul Blanco this morning to say good bye. W. R has arrived here. Alexander Brice, consul there on a schooner. P. F. Hyatt, consul at The American newspaper correspondents. w o'clock this afternoon. Alexander Gollan, take charge of American interests as far as

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Outline of Coming ling Character i

Washington, April 9.—This is the star week:

Monday—The president's message rec purpose of putting an end to Spanish sove and stable government there.

Monday or Tuesday—Authorization of laration that the Cubans are and shall be f gent government.

Tuesday or Wednesday—Our fleets in Cuba, and perhaps for Porto Rico as well, for the seaboard, ready to start for Cuba

Almost every official in Washington have passed the first shot of war will be fi

But hope is not yet dead. It is too e Until the guns begin their dreadful work occur in a week.

True, there can be, and will be, no re States has assumed. That is irrevocably